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The executive board of the Massachusetts Federation has sent the following letter in answer to the one sent them by the Medford Women's Club, duplicates of which were sent to all the clubs in the G. F. W. C.:

To the Medford Women's Club:

The Executive Board of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs hereby acknowledges the receipt of the resolutions adopted by the Medford Women's Club that the reasons given for this action are apparently based upon a misconception of the situation as it existed at the Biennial meeting. Mrs. Ruffin would have been permitted to take her seat in the convention as a delegate from the Massachusetts State Federation or from the New England Woman's Press Association had she chosen to do so. She was urged by the credential committee to take out credentials from some one of these organizations, the question of color not operating against her as an individual. The question at issue was the broader one of the general policy of admitting clubs of colored women to the membership of the General Federation. The refusal of the General Federation board to confirm the admission of the Woman's Era Club and to honor its credentials, represented the convictions of one section of the country upon this policy; and also the desire of all sections to preserve the national character of our great organization.

The right solution of this question is not to be reached by the withdrawal of the clubs of any section; therefore the Executive Board of the Massachusetts State Federation deeply regrets the hasty action of the Medford Woman's Club which deprives it of all further influence in shaping the future action of the General Federation.

Per order of the Executive Board.

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"THE MELLOWING OF OCCASION."

THE position of women seems to be worrying a lot of people a great deal nowadays. Whether she is or is not psychologically inferior to a man, whether "emancipation" is a good thing for her, whether it is better for her to vote intelligently or stay at home and knit stockings mechanically, whether she should be mentally and physically capable of supporting herself or be content to be the more or less beautiful appendage of some man; these are questions that are considered weighty enough to fill newspapers, magazines and even books with arguments pro and con. And woman continues to spell herself with a capital W.

Dyspeptic men and dyspeptic women with a literary tendency are rushing into print and both long and short-haired logicians are taking to the platform in the vain endeavor to put woman where she belongs—although the exact location of that place has not been clearly determined nor concisely defined. And there is considerable doubt extant as to her remaining there when the learned disputants have succeeded in putting her in the right spot. The modern woman seems to be more uncertain, coy and hard to please than those, even, that puzzled the poet. One would think according to the Harry Thurston Pecks and Edward Boks of both sexes that she does not know herself what she wants.

But the most encouraging thing about it is the position of the average woman on these questions. The world is made up—let us devoutly thank Heaven—of average women, and it is the sanity of these that will save the situation. Nothing has interested me more in the past year or two than the discussion at the State Federation Convention in Wisconsin the other day on this very topic. One afternoon was given up entirely to the discussion of the position of woman,—not by experts and psychological students, but by the reading and thinking average club women themselves. And it was indeed "happifying," as the good old Methodist used to say, to behold the good sense and sweet reasonableness of these women. The erratic notions of Charlotte Perkins Stetson, the erotic ideas of Mme. Marholm, the vagaries of Olive Schreiner, and the dyspeptic pessimism of Robert Grant all came up for consideration, and it was with pious joy that I noted that the distorted views of woman in the economic and the domestic world have little weight with the average woman who reads and who has fallen into the pernicious but enjoyable habit of thinking for herself and forming her own conclusions.

It may be that what we are told is true and not one woman in five thousand is fit to bring up her own children, but it looks to me as if the aforesaid average woman with a mind—which doesn't hurt her because she knows how to use it, belongs to a class which makes a serious matter of child-study when God sends her children. It may be that woman's place is still at the loom and the spindle and the mending-basket, but judging from the average woman's remarks she has other duties of more importance in the economic world in these days of machinery. It may be that Judge Grant's much-married Selma is a "type," but the average woman does not endorse nor even know her.

On the contrary the Average Woman will continue right along at the old stand as wife and mother, but with enlarged sense of outside responsibilities. She will vote wherever the

law will let her and yet mind the baby. She will study polemics in clubs and higher mathematics all by her lonesome and yet continue to order the dinner and if necessary cook it herself, and owing to the spread of cooking schools and domestic science departments, it will be better cooked and more daintily served than of yore.

No; let us cease to worry about ourselves nor fret our souls with the arguments of men who know next to nothing about us. Every man has his opinion about women as a class, but in nine hundred and ninety-nine cases out of a thousand his premises are all drawn from the women of his own household. So that if he sets us down as weak-brained, fickle, and vastly inferior to MAN we can easily judge of the women of his immediate circle, and pity him accordingly.

The nineteenth century has seen a wonderful change in the position of women all over the world. This remark is so trite that my pencil blushes to record it. The twentieth century will usher women in as a very decided factor in the world's progress and will doubtless bring her into greater activities and prominence than ever, but God instituted woman a number of years ago, when he set certain limits as to her physical development, and he has not yet shown any decided intention of changing her mental qualities into replicas of the biped he created a short time previous and called man, and we shall continue to be just plain women when all is said and done.

Not but what that greatest room in the world—the room for improvement is still open to us; but the fun of it is that so many more are all the time crowding up to its doors. Women as a class are growing more intelligent every year; realizing their own responsibilities, inside and outside the four walls of home; learning to balance themselves and to walk steadily along untried paths; rejoicing in this discovery of their own mental powers and yet clinging tightly to the old family loves and home ties.

So let the Boks spring gaily on and not worry ourselves into Pecks of trouble over the dismal prophecies of great men as to the position of woman. We will continue to meander along the pleasant paths of improvement and spell ourselves with a small w.

God made us all; may he help us to realize our limitations as well as to develop our utmost. Selah.

A good story was told by Mrs. William Tod Helmuth, state president of New York. At a club election, where the parliamentary points were getting tangled and the participants were exhibiting bitter personal feeling, this presiding genius arose and said:

"Ladies, let us make the rules of the Pilgrims the order of the day—

Touch no state matters.

Pick no quarrels.

Reveal no secrets.

Maintain no ill opinions.

Make no comparisons.

Lay no wagers.

These rules, which have since been known as "Fanny's recipe for club elections," are good enough to frame in a large gilt frame and hang conspicuously in any clubhouse.

NEEDS OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Mrs. Lydia P. Williams.

Read at the Milwaukee Biennial.

SYSTEMATIC moral training in the public schools will, no doubt, call forth from one who is not a moral enthusiast a significant shrug and remark, "Is the straw to be threshed over again?"

Like Banquo's ghost, this subject will not down. Why? Because "an honest man is the noblest work of God," and he does not seem to come signed and sealed in the original package, but a bundle of ingredients or possibilities out of which, if properly handled he evolves. And today the perfected product is at a premium, while the market is gutted by an overproduction of the baser sort which saps our nation's strength.

Hence discussion must render up the last kernel of truth it has to offer, and all be weighed and measured, if, haply, we may wrest this mighty secret from the moral universe—how to make an honest man and whose business it is to make him. The home and the church have both tried their hand at it, and the school has, in a hap-hazard, incidental way, supplemented their efforts. And all stand confronted by a very imperfect imitation of the real thing, or by a colossal failure.

One glance at the moral delinquencies of our friends' or neighbors' children—not our own, of course—the small deceptions, covert practices and weak-nerved wills, as well as the court records, political corruptions, colossal frauds, gigantic steals, and the fact that the great rank and file of our business men have adopted David Harum's interpretation of the golden rule—"Do to the other as he would do to you, but see that you do it to him first"—shows the dangerous trend of the times.

Sturdy integrity and moral responsibility are at a premium from the classroom to the Senate chamber, and hence the query is ever of vital interest: How to produce an honest man and people the earth with this rare variety of the genus homo, and what part education, as well as heredity and surroundings, play in the undertaking, and what diet is needed for growing moral fiber.

The three-fold nature of a man suggests the question, Have not man's moral attainments kept pace with his physical and mental gains, and do not we equally well understand and obey the law of growth for each?

We think not. While we freely admit and must take due allowance for the interdependence of the three natures, muscle and mind have outstripped our morals; and is it not because we have nourished the one and neglected the other, let it take care in large measure of itself and come up "Topsy" fashion?

Why, if the mental and physical require special exercise and nourishment for development, should the moral be made an exception and turned out to forage upon an incidental, accidental food supply furnished or served up in a haphazard fashion, with no concern or provision for the different growth periods? Such a policy pursued with the physical or mental man is too absurd to contemplate, and would be jeered at by the simplest, but why more absurd than to subject the moral nature to such precarious support?

There are moral tracts in the brain area as well as intellectual convolutions of gray matter, and each is subject to a law of development, which requires regular systematic food and training, graded according to the distinctive growth periods—childhood, youth, etc.

He knew the right and did it not! Why? Because the will, that granite pier on which rests the power of choice and act,

was weak when it should have been! strong—untrained, and therefore not able to stand the strain put upon it. The will is as susceptible of education as the memory or the muscle, and, as Stanley Hall tells us, constitutes two thirds of the mind.

Moral one-sidedness and slumpy wills are well-nigh universal, and is it not due, in a measure, to the fact that we have been so busy inculcating the idea of how to use the world instead of how to serve it—bending all our energies in making men of brains instead of men with high moral standards—scholar builders instead of character builders; and this, too, in a democracy dependent for its existence upon the moral vigor of the individual.

The argument that the home and the church can furnish the moral outfit breaks down in the face of the modern conditions and entails too great a risk because of the character and precariousness of the instruction furnished. The church reaches, at best, but a few one day in seven, with no opportunity to study individual needs of character. Of the homes of our land, with our mixed population, comparatively few are equal to the task or furnish even a wholesome object lesson. The ideal home, either in precept or practice, is hard to find; and the hurry of modern life and the conditions in our cities that make our homes little better than a sleeping and feeding place for children after school age, force the state wily nilly, to provide for the education of the future citizens.

Realizing the necessity of the public schools undertaking the work, the question, When shall it begin, how shall it be given, and how much time shall be devoted to it, become all important.

We first note the fact that from 80 to 95 per cent. of our boys leave the grades before reaching the high school and go forth to constitute the rank and file of our business men, to set their stamp on the commercial world and form its business standard; and from this class comes our largest percentage of criminals and moral delinquents.

Is it not a suggestive fact which we remember, that after the kindergarten is left behind, no specific moral instruction is given? The incidental ethical training connected with discipline or hidden away as a deeper secret in the studies which many, may I say the majority, never discover or present in the classroom, is all the student receives at this impressionable age when the mind is "as wax to receive and marble to retain," to fortify him for the testing time.

If the youth of the land are the hope of the nation, and the public schools the bulwark of our democracy, the state's first concern should be to see to it that her guns are not turned against herself, that the foundations are kept sound, the youth trained in moral responsibility and good citizenship.

The aim of the school should be to turn out well-poised, "manly men and womanly women," feeling the moral responsibility of making the world a better place to live in; not girls seeking a career, or boys whose chief ambition is to get something for nothing and exploit the earth for their own ends, if we are to pose before the governments of the earth as a nation with a "sublime, humanitarian ideal," which, working through free institutions, can lift the Filipino and Esquimaux from savagery to self-government.

Perhaps a text book in the hands of the pupil before he reaches the high school or university is not wise, but the daily lesson should be taught somewhere and somehow, and the harmonious development of our threefold nature be constantly in the mind of the teacher.

I personally like the moral nature to first be aroused and fed, since the moral attitude furnishes the lens through which the

mental images are received and given color. It is like placing ourselves in connection with nature's 'phone and getting the day's orders from the Great Lawgiver.

If the lesson is to teach the kinship that does exist, or the kindness that should exist, between all God's creatures from the feathered songster to the day's companions—which shall later find its fuller translation in the brotherhood of man—the picture on the wall, when the child with upturned face and listening soul, watches the upward flight of the skylark as he rises to meet the sun and carols forth his greeting, may furnish the text; or if it may be "there is nothing that keeps its youth, so far as I know, but a tree, and truth," of Woolsey's advice: "Let all the ends that thou aim'st at be thy country's, thy God's and truth's," or "He most lives who thinks the most, feels the noblest, acts the best," or "Light is sown for the righteous and gladness for the upright in heart."

But somehow and somewhere it should be taught, and this teaching should systematically proceed from the training of the moral perceptions in the primary to the working out of moral concepts and formulating rules of conduct in the grammar grades, that our befogged morals may be guided to a sunlit plane.

Nothing that can afford the religious prejudices of anyone should be allowed in the school curriculum, but no right-minded parent, whatever his creed, objects to having his children taught kindness and faithfulness, honesty and truth, and this teaching should not be left to chance—it is as important as arithmetic or reading.

We require of our teachers the most thorough preparation, and subject them to the most rigid examinations in all that will train the intellectual side of the pupil, and take it for granted that they have a high moral standard and that is sufficient.

Why not a normal course in methods in this department the instruction from becoming a cold form through which really flows no moral life current? I know the query in your minds: Will not all this tend to greater formalism, and rob the teaching of spontaneity? I answer the question by asking another: Does a subject relegated to the do-as-you-please column in a course of study emphasize its importance to teacher or pupil and stimulate effort?

It is true that it is essential the teacher be filled with an earnest desire for the growth of healthful character in her pupils and she must study to make them love and long for all that is true and good. And behind the teacher should be educated, enthusiastic sentiment of the community, to spur to greater effort and sound the note of courage. And behind the school must stand the home and motherhood, and when organized womanhood shall realize her duty and her power the schools shall send forth our young women and young men as conquerors in the conflict for right, and the star of our nation's destiny shall know no decline.

THE OLD BOYS' CLUB AND WHAT CAME OF IT.

By Lydia H. Jewett, Reading, Mass.

THE old boys of the village of Chelton met every day in George Miles' office. George Miles was coal agent, so the uncharitable women, who were shut out from the joys of gossiping there, called it the "Coal Hole."

Perley Coles was saying one day after driving three miles from his farm just for a talk with the boys that he believed there were a dozen old fellows like himself living all alone in great farm houses.

"There, I hev fifteen rooms in my house and I live in the kitchen and sleep in the room off it. Bill Perley, my cousin, does the same, and there's Jim Johnson setter'n a settin' hen about goin' down to Boston to live with his folks, peggin' away with them cows of hisn that aint worth shucks."

The Honorable Jonas Hayward at that moment opened the door and was greeted with loving smiles from the withered faces, and warm clasps from the shaking hands of his old boyhood friends.

"We've ben lookin' for ye, Jonas, for a week," they said. "Alph Brown said ye'd be along soon an' Mis Brown, she's ben cleanin' house ever sence Monday week."

The Hon. Jonas Hayward was a native of Chelton and had been one of the "49ers" of California. He had "struck it rich," but had remained in that state choosing to make his career as well as his "pile" in the land of his fortune.

He did not forget his old friends and every ten years or so he returned to Chelton and renewed his youth as well as their's by going over all their pranks and escapades. As a boy he had been their leader, and later was president of a political club. They discussed politics to be sure, but more often plans for surprises to the town, not always agreeable ones, were talked over.

Now in their old age they loved to recall those wild pranks and to rehearse with him what this and that grave and reverend minister, deacon or townsman had said of the club and its deeds. These good men, of course, had long since passed away to a place of peace where mischievous boys could not annoy them, but alas! many of the boys themselves, with chastened spirits, had followed.

Jonas Hayward owned the largest house in the town. It was in the centre of the village, a great rambling structure with twenty large rooms and many sheds, forming a link to a huge barn. It was kept in good order by Alpheus Brown and his wife, the owner's second cousins.

The place adjoining was owned by his daughter, Jeannette Hayward. It had been willed to her by her mother's aunt, Cynthia Bradford, and was called the "Old Bradford Place." It was not as large as the Hayward house, but the grounds were far more beautiful, for Jeannette had made her home here during vacations passed in New England while studying in Boston.

She had kept open house there in the summer time after the big-hearted Californian fashion, and had invited her classmates with their friends for long visits.

For the sake of the experience she had taught several terms in a district school and was well known and very much beloved by the Chelton people. She had not married, and at thirty-five was deeply interested in Boston's many philanthropic associations, and was an active club woman.

The old men arranged themselves in a semi-circle of wooden armchairs and waited for the Honorable Jonas to begin, as he usually did, questioning each one as to his life since they had last met. His neighbor at the left was Perley Coles.

"Well, Perley, you ain't married yet, I hear; still an old bach; we'll have to take you in hand and do your courtin' for you, won't we, boys?"

"Well, ye see, Jonas, I'm very particular about my work, an' I keep my house as clean as a pin. I might get some slouch of a woman that would mess everything up for me. But we was sayin' jest as ye come in that there was a dozen, about, of old fools like me around the town a-livin' all alone, and its darned lonesome, too."

The Hon. Jonas was a member of several clubs in San Francisco, and he immediately thought of the good company

and good cheer always awaiting him when he wished it.

"Why not have a club? You've got the beginnings right here in this unrighteous 'Coal Hole.'"

From suggestion to suggestion, they finally evolved a plan for a winter club-house. The catechistical questioning of his old friends was quite forgotten by Jonas in his larger interest for their general welfare.

He offered to fit up his house and large stable for a residence both for his old neighbors and what stock they desired to keep through the winter.

When his daughter, Jeannette, heard of the scheme she wrote:

"To think that you, who have poked so much fun at my clubs, should have gone so far ahead of me on my own ground and started a club in Chelton, and even provided a club-house! I shall not be outdone by you, and right next door, in Aunt Cynthia's house, I shall start an 'Old Girls' Club.' There are just as many forlorn old widows and maids living in Chelton as there are men.

"What larks it will be, father! I am proud of you, my dear, but you shall not outdo your loving and emulative daughter."
Jeannette."

Father and daughter each found need of the other in perfecting the plans for alterations and refurnishing. He, with his keen business judgment, prepared the way for placing the clubs on a sure financial basis and she arranged for the comfort and convenience of the inmates. Both houses were amply supplied with furniture, but each member who lived there brought some of his choicest things from his home.

Every member paid a small sum weekly, and were subject to a general tax in case of need. Fourteen old men were found to live in one club-house, and nine women took up their abode in the other.

Married men and women over fifty years old were invited to become associate members and their small fee entitled them to use the sitting rooms and libraries of the clubs.

Alternate weeks on Wednesday each club gave in turn a reception to the other. In the merry companionship and revival of old, never-to-be-forgotten frolics of their youthful days, they became perceptibly younger.

Jabez Brown and his wife overlooked both houses as before. Work was planned so that each might do his share, and all were expected to help out of turn if need be. Mrs. Brown prepared the meals for the "Old Boys," but the "Old Girls" had charge in turn of the kitchen in the old Bradford place.

The winter clubs were a success, and with permission from the owners the plan is to be tried again next fall. There are several applicants for house membership to the "Old Girls' Club," but two of the active members have resigned.

The "Old Boys' Club," singularly enough, has also lost two of its members. They are intending to start two private clubs of their own, each with one of the "Old Girls" as a companion and charter member.

SOME IMPRESSIONS.

"**T**O know a woman truly you must see her in her home." And to know a club or Federation truly you must see them on their own vantage ground and get some idea of their practical workings. The Biennials bring us together in a semi-social way and give us some delightful friendships as well as giving a glimpse of what the club movement is accomplishing all over the country. But there is nothing like seeing these women who do so much to make the Biennials successful on their native hearths, and judge

for ourselves what their influence is worth to their own communities. In no case was I disappointed on my recent trip to the West. On the contrary, I believe more than ever that club women in this country are having their own way whenever they really set out to and might have it in even more important matters if they chose.

Leaving home November 1, by the Boston & Maine, West Shore and Nickel Plate lines, I reached Cleveland without incident, where I changed to the "Big Four" and in a few hours stepped off the train at Springfield, Ohio, where the smiling, familiar face of Mrs. Buchwalter (endeared to so many by her connection with the Milwaukee Biennial as Chairman of the Program Committee), was the first to greet me. A good dinner, a pleasant evening's chat and a quiet rest awaited me at the Buchwalter mansion, which is one of the finest in this beautiful town, for on the next day I was to speak before the federated Clubs of the city. "On her 'native heath' Mrs. Buchwalter is a charming woman. She presides over the affairs of her stately home with the same grace and simplicity which distinguished her at Milwaukee, and evidently has the loving devotion of the husband and nephew, who constitute her family. The entire house is furnished with taste and originality, but the dining room is the prettiest in America. Mrs. Buchwalter ought to transplant it to the next Biennial and place it in the art exhibit to show what may be done in the line of interior decoration!

A large audience gathered on Saturday afternoon to hear the talk on "What the Club Should Mean," which is along the same line of thought as "The Mellowing of Occasion;" and as one sees them gathered in their attractive club room, one cannot but be impressed with the refinement and educated taste of the Springfield club women.

On to Chicago brought me to the Englewood Woman's Club, a fine working club of some two hundred and fifty members, resident in this part of the great city. As I listened to the reports from their department committees I could not fail to be impressed with the amount of actual good they seem to be accomplishing. And when it became their turn to listen to me on "Women and Newspapers" I found them an alert and intelligent audience. A short reception and a pleasant drive afterward in the sunset stamped my day at the Englewood Woman's Club as one of the pleasantest of a pleasant month.

An informal reception at Mrs. Coonley-Ward's next day, followed by dinner with her delightful family and a luncheon at the home of Mrs. Clinton Locke, President of the Beresford Cat Club, on Wednesday, were charming features of my Chicago visit, which was all too short.

What shall I say of the Wisconsin State Convention at Racine? What can I say except that it was ideal from beginning to end? The large number of delegates were very much in earnest regarding their work, while the efficient hospitality of the Racine ladies knew no bounds. There is no doubt in my mind that a three days' convention brings the individual club members from all parts of the State into far closer relationship than any number of one-day meetings can do. This one was a veritable love-feast, and in many ways like the great Biennial, especially with so many women present who helped make the Milwaukee one a success; Mrs. Peck, Mrs. Vedder, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Estee, Miss Chapman and many others from Milwaukee, and Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Neville, Mrs. Youmans, Mrs. Bardon, Mrs. Galloway and others as well known from other parts of Wisconsin. The papers and discussions were mostly by club members, and ranked above the average, with talks by a few specialists, like Elia W. Peattie of Chicago, Charlotte Perkins Stetson of New York, etc. The reports

of club work throughout the State showed magnificent work on the part of Wisconsin club women, from the travelling library down to home study, and although the election contest was a warm one when Mrs. Youmans was elected Mrs. Neville's successor as president, it was carried on with the utmost dignity and good feeling. The Wisconsin Federation is one of the leading ones in point of valuable work accomplished, and the Wisconsin club women will continue to stand away up in the front ranks of progress for a long time to come.

Colorado club women also hold a warm place in the hearts of every one who attended the Biennial of '98, and a visit to that glorious state is worth talking about. I have no words to tell of the beauties of Colorado Springs, with its magnificent mountain scenery. God never made a more beautiful mountain than Pike's Peak, and from no other place does it show up so grandly. Cheyenne Mountain, where Helen Hunt chose to be buried, is so friendly close to the city that many love its rugged outlines even better than the Peak. The women of Colorado partake of the splendid qualities of its scenery and its ozone. They are great hearted, broad-minded and progressive in every sense of the word. I do not wonder that no one who becomes a part of the life of Colorado Springs or Denver ever wants to return East to live.

Mrs. Emma H. Eldridge, so well known as State Chairman of Correspondence for Colorado for four years, opened her beautiful home and invited the club women of Colorado Springs to meet me, and a delightful afternoon was the result. Many women well known in society and in politics were present and added interest to the gathering. Mrs. Eldridge herself has been busily electioneering for McKinley all the fall, and on election day never left the polls from six in the morning until half-past six at night. In her own city she is a power in many ways, and has not only the esteem of the entire community, but the love of hundreds of good women besides. In this connection it may be said that there was no truth in the report which went the rounds of the country that Mrs. Platt-Decker ran for State Senator in Colorado this year. She ran for no office whatever (consistent to the last!) although she worked very hard in the late political canvass.

In Denver the Women's Press Club honored me with an elegant reception at the home of one of their associate members, Mrs. W. N. Byers, whose husband started and edited for a number of years the first newspaper of the State, the Rocky Mountain News. The receiving party comprised all the officers of the Press Club, headed by Mrs. Helen Marsh Wixon, the President, and Mrs. Byers. The house is one of the most beautiful in Denver, with a view that cannot be surpassed of the Rocky Mountain range.

Nearly the entire membership of the great Denver Woman's Club attended the meeting in Trinity Church, where it was my privilege to talk to them about "Eastern Writers of Today," and a more keenly appreciative audience I will never ask to see. There was a delightful reception at the close, when the new President of the Colorado Federation, Mrs. Harding of Canon City, received with us.

It is worth a trip to Denver to see Mrs. Decker, as she is now known, in her own house. Nowhere is her quaint and original personality seen with such charming effect. The wit and spontaneity that have delighted so many club women are continually in evidence at home, while her thorough knowledge of men, women and affairs is inexhaustible. Judge Decker, too, is fully worthy of her, and to be—as we hope—the husband of the next President of the General Federation.

H. M. W.

UNITED STATES DAUGHTERS OF 1812.



The United States Daughters of 1812, Empire State Society, held their annual meeting on October 19, at Delmonico's. Four years ago on that date the Empire State Society was organized by Mrs. Wm. Gerry Slade with twenty-eight members and each year following on the same date the annual meeting takes place. After luncheon the ladies assembled for formal meeting. The reports of officers showed what the society has done and as the president said, proved how earnest and faithful each officer, chairman and member of the executive board has proved herself. During the year forty-two new members have been admitted and of these fifteen transfers have been made for state organizations in Maine, Ohio, Maryland and Louisiana.

Patriotic work has progressed rapidly. The society has accomplished the exhibition of the largest flag in the world—that made by Miss Mulford. A tablet has been put on Columbia College to mark the location of the chain of defences there during the War of 1812. There has also been established a fund for the benefit of members who may be ill or in trouble, which will be a special work and not a charity.

After the reports of officers the president presented her annual address and in loving terms thanked all who have worked with her during the last four years. She spoke of the feeling of love and unity that pervades the entire association and after a brief outline of the society's progress recommended each and every one to feel an individual responsibility for the credit of the society, as if it rested with her alone. "In choosing officers," said Mrs. Slade, "do not always choose the friend you like best, but the one whose election you honestly think will be for the best good of the society, and then give her your full support and sympathy."

The election followed, with this result: Mrs. Wm. Gerry Slade was unanimously re-elected president; Mrs. Wm. F. Brearley, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Malcolm McLean, registrar; Mrs. Jacob Hess, Mrs. Francis P. Fernald, Jr., Mrs. Duncan B. Harrison, Mrs. Geo. B. Woodward, directors.

Mrs. Slade and Mrs. Jacob Hess were elected delegates to represent the society at the Albany Federation convention in November.
S. E. Ping, Historian.

The first meeting of the Ohio Society U. S. D. 1812 was held at the residence of the president, Mrs. T. L. A. Greve, Saturday morning, Nov. 3, with the president in the chair. Reports were read by the secretary, Mrs. William T. Simpson; the treasurer, Mrs. Sallie Von P. Disney, and the historian, Mrs. Alexander Clark. Mrs. Greve reported numerous communications from the president-general and other officers of the society on various matters pertaining to its general welfare. She also gave an account of the progress made by the committees from the patriotic societies who are preparing a suitable memorial to mark the spot where Fort Washington stood. It was decided by a vote of the members present to hold the regular monthly meeting of the society the first Friday of every month at 10 o'clock a. m. Many letters were read from all over the state making inquiries as to the requirements for membership.
Mrs. T. L. A. Greve.

I find The Club Woman indispensable, and look forward eagerly to its arrival.—Clara M. J. Farson, President Illinois Federation.

OPEN PARLIAMENT.

Mrs. Emma A. Fox.

(Questions for this department should be sent to 21 Bagley avenue, Detroit, Michigan.)

IN having the new Year Book of a club printed, is it correct or preferable to have the whole thing called By-laws, or should it be collated so there is a Constitution and By-laws, to govern it? The committee claims it is a newer idea to have nothing but By-laws.

A committee appointed to have your Year Book printed has no authority to change the arrangement of the constitution and by-laws as adopted by the club and recorded on the secretary's book. The advantage of having both constitution and by-laws, as has already been explained in the articles on Parliamentary Usage, published in *The Club Woman*, is for the sake of having only what is fundamental in the constitution, and making that difficult to amend, and of putting into the by-laws those details which the club may perhaps want to change with little difficulty.

Should the President call someone else to the chair if she is to read a paper or give an address?

It is much better for the President to be relieved of the care of the assembly if she is to act in some other capacity. In case no Vice-President is present the President may call any other member to the chair.

(a) At a recent meeting of our club a committee was appointed to ascertain the cost of a curtain for a certain doorway. The report, which I am happy to say, was in writing, began: "Your Curtain Committee." Was that right?

(b) Should the entire written report be entered in the Secretary's report?

(a) It was not right to say "Your Curtain Committee." Such a designation is used only in case of a standing committee. The correct form is "Your committee to ascertain the cost, etc."

(b) The best way is undoubtedly to enter the full report of all committees, including the signatures, but the Secretary may, at his discretion and with the approval of the club, enter the substance of the report in his own language. The report itself should then be kept on file.

I want to propose that there be no more written papers in our club. Is that a question of privilege?

No. Make a motion of that kind under the head of Miscellaneous Business. A question of privilege is raised when something occurs which interferes or seems to interfere with the right or privilege of the assembly as a whole or of one or more members.

What is the reason for the rule that an affirmative vote on the motions to lay on the table and to take from the table may not be reconsidered, while a negative vote on the same motions may be reconsidered? The distinction seems arbitrary, but perhaps it is not.

It is a generally accepted rule of parliamentary law that any motion having been once voted upon cannot be renewed. Without violating that rule a motion may be considered a second time, but no more, by the motion to reconsider. An affirmative vote to lay on the table places the motion on the

table, and if it is desirable to again consider the motion thus laid on the table, it is simpler and easier, as well as more consistent, to move to take from the table than to move to reconsider the vote on the motion to lay on the table. A negative vote on the motion to lay on the table leaves the motion before the assembly. If it is desirable at a subsequent time to lay the motion on the table, a motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion to lay on the table was lost may be made without violating the general rule, that a motion once voted upon cannot be renewed. The same reasoning will show why an affirmative vote on the motion to take from the table may not be reconsidered, while a negative vote on the same question may be reconsidered.

We have a City Federation composed of ten clubs. Each club is entitled to two delegates and each club pays three dollars annual dues. There are five officers from as many different clubs. Our constitution and by-laws do not state whether the officers are entitled to vote or not, but if they vote, five clubs have three votes and the other five clubs only two votes. Are the officers privileged to vote? Would it be best to put the question to vote allowing both officers and delegates to vote?

Under the circumstances some voting must be done in order to decide who is entitled to vote, and it would seem both fair and wise for the officers to refrain from voting on that question. When the Federation was organized, probably each club had an equal representation and the temporary officers were chosen from that number. The constitution adopted at that time should have stated who were entitled to vote at subsequent meetings. Some Federations allow the officers to vote, others do not. It might be well to consider the officers as constituting an executive board, and the delegates as constituting a legislative body. When officers are elected from the membership, as in the individual club, a Board of Trustees and the like, they are of course, entitled to vote. When officers are elected by a Federation, and the clubs composing the Federation elect delegates the condition you have cited is the inevitable result.

(a) A clause in our constitution reads as follows: "Nominations shall be by informal ballot. Upon report of the tellers the three members receiving the highest number of votes shall be presented by the President as candidates." In the case I speak of, the informal ballot showed nine votes for Mrs. A., two for Mrs. B., and one for Mrs. C. Mrs. B. and C. at once withdrew their names, whereupon some of the members insisted that we must have three names before we could vote at all. Will you please tell us the proper mode of procedure?

(b) Ought not the Chairman of the Program Committee to consult with the President in regard to carrying out the program and any changes in it that may occur during the year?

(a) After your informal ballot you should simply proceed to a formal ballot. You cannot compel Mrs. B. and Mrs. C. to allow their names to stand for election, neither can you prevent any other member from being declared elected to the office if on the formal ballot she receives the requisite number of votes, whether she did or did not receive any votes on the informal ballot. The following is a good clause to add to your constitution: "If upon informal ballot one member receives a majority of all votes cast such person shall be considered as elected to that office."

(b) The President is generally an ex officio member of the Program Committee. If she is not, common courtesy would require that she be fully informed with regard to it.

UNIVERSITY EXTENSION NOTES.

THE most significant statement, in the interesting account of the organization of the Dayton Center in the November issue, is that only a few club women were to be found in the audiences. Should they not have composed the largest part? Is this another indication that women join clubs more for social enjoyment than for intellectual development? At the last biennial a lady remarked that she had heard nothing instructive in certain addresses. They contained only principles that she had been taught from her childhood. She deplored the fact that she had come all the way from Pennsylvania merely to have her time wasted in such an unprofitable manner, when she had expected to have a feast of good things to feed upon. A little more study, research and thought upon the part of the speakers would have given this club woman something "craggy to break her mind upon."

I take pleasure in giving this excellent study of "In Memoriam" for the use of clubs. Mrs. Moore's well-deserved popularity as an extension lecturer is attested by numerous calls from various states. At the meeting of the Indiana State Federation she gave an address upon "Definite Direction in Club Work."

Among her correspondence study courses for this season there might be noted the following:

"Development of English Literature,"—for the Woman's Club at La Crosse, Wisconsin.

The same course for a club in Fairmount, West Virginia.

"Shakespeare's Tragedies" for a club in Baltimore, Maryland.

"Nineteenth Century Writers" for a club in Ogden, Utah.

"Modern Poets" for the Stevan University Extension Club, Chicago.

Some of these clubs have had Mrs. Moore direct their work for three or four years. Among Mrs. Moore's interesting lectures are "A Tramp Through the George Eliot Country" and "A Literary Ramble in London." Material for these was gathered during her sojourn in England. Her specialty, however, is her George Eliot subjects. Clubs desiring interesting and uplifting lectures will reap rich reward by engaging Mrs. Moore.

A STUDY OF "IN MEMORIAM."

By Mrs. Ella Adams Moore, University Extension Department, University of Chicago.

(A Part of a More Extended Outline.)

HINTS for study for all members.

1. There are various commentaries on this poem.

Perhaps the best is John F. Genung's "Tennyson's 'In Memoriam'—Its Purpose and Structure." See also "A Key to Lord Tennyson's 'In Memoriam,'" Alfred Gatty; "Prolegomena to I. M." by Thomas Davidson, and "Tennyson and I. M." by Joseph Jacobs. For the ordinary student, however, with little time at her disposal, a shorter and more concise help is perhaps more valuable. For this purpose "Tennyson's In Memoriam," edited with notes by W. J. Rolfe of Cambridge, Mass., and published by Houghton, Mifflin & Co., is very good. It costs only about 50 cents. The following helps are based upon these notes as being most easy of access to the student.

2. Give the circumstances of the composition of the poem, or rather poems, as the work consists of many "swallow flights of song"—not of one sustained flight.

3. Who is the subject of "In Memoriam"? Give some account of his life and character. Do the facts in regard to his

ability and disposition seem to justify the seemingly extravagant opinion Tennyson held of himself? Tell something about the friendship between the two young men. Was it at all unusual in any way?

4. What was the poet's own opinion of the poem?

5. Into what divisions does he separate it?

6. The clearest and most helpful division I know of is that of Genung (quoted by Rolfe, p. 172), which gives six parts to the poem: The prologue, an introductory stage (poems 1 to 20), a first cycle (poems XXVIII to LXXXVII), a second cycle (poems LXXXVIII to CIII), a third cycle (poems CIV to CXXXI) and the epilogue.

7. How is each of these cycles introduced? Show that in each cycle the thought characteristic of the cycle is next presented in outline. Notice next the poem which introduces the characteristic season or anniversary of the cycle. Then the poems which follow out at length the main thought of the cycle. The thought of the anniversary of the death, in the first and second cycles, and of the thought of the new springtide in the third.

8. Notice, too, a striking feature of "In Memoriam," that the same phase of grief, or rather the same occasion for the expression of grief, occurs again and again in the poem, e. g. 2, 3 and 39, in which the old year is addressed; 28, 78 and 104, in which the occasion of Christmas draws forth an expression of grief; 72 and 99, written on the anniversary of a friend's death; 83 and 106, on the occasion of the New Year; 38, 39 and 115, 116, the springtide.

Notice that in all these the same phase is repeated, but each time the grief is more spiritualized. It gradually rises from a sensuous, passive grief to a grief controlled by a sanctified will (see the last poem).

9. Why does Tennyson call the poem a sort of "Divine Comedy"? Notice that he uses the word "Comedy" in the old sense, the sense of Shakespeare and Dante.

10. Notice the peculiar form of stanza in which the poem is written. Where was it used before Tennyson? Do you consider it well adapted to the thought and feeling which it embodies? Is it better adapted to this than alternate rhyme would be? Prof. Corson suggests that one read aloud those first and second or third and fourth verses admit of being transposed without effecting the sense. Such stanzas are II, 1; XV, 1; XVI, 1; LVI, 3; LXIV, 2; LXIV, 4, etc., also V, 1; XL, 3; XLIX, 7; LXVII, 3, etc. He thinks that such a reading will convince any one of the wonderful way in which the verse as it stands is adapted to the thought. Do you agree?

11. For help in special points of meaning, of words, etc., the student is referred to Prof. Rolfe's "Notes."

12. What is the theme of the poem—its central motive or main thought?

13. For what do you most value the poem as a whole? Why?

14. What is the effect upon you of reading the poem? Is it stimulating or soothing? Invigorating or does it incline one to meditation and inaction?

15. Critics have condemned the poem as being morbid and melancholy, sorrow delineated in detail, etc. It is perfectly true that so long a poem on a private grief never could be tolerated. What saves the poem from deserving the criticism? What raises it from a private grief?

16. Take up any points in the paper on "The Views of Life" expressed in the "In Memoriam" which require discussion.

Leaders should be appointed for the study of this poem. Take up only such points under the "Hints" as require discussion or explanation. Some of the points are intended only as individual helps for study.

CLUB STUDY DEPARTMENT.

May Alden Ward.

MYTHOLOGY AND FOLK LORE.

I. Introduction.

1. What is mythology? Difference between the myth, the legend and the folk-tale. Religious character of the myth.

2. Value of comparative mythology.

3. Poets of mythology (Homer, Virgil, Ovid, etc.).

II. Origin of mythology. How did the myths grow?

1. The historical theory.

2. The allegorical theory.

3. The physical theory.

4. The scriptural theory.

III. Cosmogony and theogony.

1. The Greek idea of the world and its creation.

2. Olympus and Hades.

3. Origin of the Gods.

4. The various groups of greater and lesser Gods.

IV. Gods of Olympus.

A. The superior Gods.

1. Zeus (Jupiter). Hera (Juno).

2. Pallas Athene (Minerva). Artemis (Diana).

V. The Gods of Olympus. (Continued).

1. Aphrodite (Venus). Hestia (Vesta).

2. Apollo. Ares (Mars).

3. Hermes (Mercury). Hephaestus (Vulcan).

VI. Gods of Olympus. (b.) The secondary grade.

1. Eros (Amor).

2. Nike (Victory).

3. Hebe.

4. Ganymede.

VII. The Gods of Olympus. (Lesser Gods continued).

1. Themis. Nemesis.

2. Aesculapius and the three Fates.

3. The Graces and the Muses.

VIII. The Gods of the Lower World.

1. Pluto and Proserpine.

2. Charon and Cerberus.

3. The four rivers of the lower world: The Styx, Acheron, Phlegeltron, Cocytus.

IX. Gods of the Lower World. (Continued).

1. Minos and the other judges of the Nether World.

2. Hydra and the Furies.

3. The Elysian Fields.

X. Gods of the Waters.

1. The Older Dynasty. Oceanus, Pontus, Nereus and the fifty Nereids.

2. The Younger Dynasty. Neptune and Amphitrite.

3. Lesser Divinities of the Waters: Triton, Proteus, the Harpies.

XI. Gods of the World.

1. Ceres.

2. Gaia or Mother Earth, and Rhea.

3. Bacchus or Dionysius.

4. Pan, the Nymphs, the Satyrs, etc.

XII. Myths of Demi-Gods and Heroes.

1. Story of Prometheus.

2. Deucalion.

3. Cadmus.

4. Orpheus and Eurydice.

XIII. Myths of the Heroes.

1. Perseus and Medusa.

2. Perseus and Atlas.

3. Andromeda.

4. Labors of Hercules.

XIV. Myths of Heroes. (Continued).

1. Jason and the Golden Fleece.

2. Atalanta.

3. Theseus.

4. Ariadne.

XV. Mythological Monsters.

1. The Sphinx, Chimaera, Pegasus.

2. The Centaurs, the Griffin, the Cyclops, the Pigmies.

3. The Minotaur.

XVI. Myths of the Later Heroes.

1. The Seven against Thebes.

2. The Trojan War.

3. The Fall of Troy.

XVII. Myths of the Later Heroes. (Continued).

1. The Wanderings of Ulysses.

2. Adventures of Aeneas.

XVIII. Mythology of the East.

1. Brahma, Vishnu, Siva.

2. The Juggernaut.

3. Buddha.

4. Vedas.

XIX. Mythology of the North.

1. Eddas.

2. Valhalla.

3. Valkyrie.

4. Thor and his Hammer.

5. Odin and Freya.

XX. Mythology of the North. (Continued).

1. Balder the Good.

2. The Saga of the Volsungs.

3. The Lay of the Nibelungs.

4. The Druids.

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Germany has its Federation of Women's Educational and Study Clubs, and these, fifteen in number, with a membership of 1743 women, are steadily working to bring about the abolition of certain restrictions against women in the universities. The Federation of Women's Clubs has recently established a gymnasium for girls at Karlsruhe-Baden and is opening to girls the gymnasium of Pfortsheim. The club women at Freiburg have established a commercial and business school for girls, which has become so successful that the city government has assumed its maintenance. (Chicago Times-Herald).

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THE GENERAL FEDERATION.



A meeting of the Board of Directors of the General Federation was held in New York, November ninth and tenth. Those present were Mrs. Lowe, Mrs. Denison, Miss Evans, Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Kendrick, Mrs. Van Vechten, Mrs. Noyes, Mrs. Buchwalter, Mrs. Coad, Mrs. Fairbanks, Mrs. Lockwood, Mrs. Priddy, Mrs. Streeter and Mrs. West.

On account of the ill health of the president, the Board voted that she should be relieved of the duties of the office for one year, if necessary.

Mrs. Denison is therefore the acting president of the Federation.

Committees were appointed, but to avoid confusion only the names of those who have accepted are here published.

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PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Lora Rockwell Priddy, 514 N. Topeka avenue, Wichita, Kansas, Chairman.

The place of holding the sixth Biennial was not decided upon, as the Board will probably meet again in the early spring, but a resolution was passed to the effect that the audience room on that occasion should be paid for from the treasury of the General Federation, and that social functions should be restricted to one reception, and that to be the evening before the first meeting of the Federation.

The executive committee was authorized to appoint committees to have charge of General Federation business in states and territories where no State Federation exists.

The report of the Fifth Biennial held at Milwaukee, June, 1900, a pamphlet of 174 pages, will be sent postpaid by the recording secretary of the General Federation, Mrs. Emma A. Fox, 21 Bagley Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, upon receipt of fifteen cents.

STATE FEDERATION NEWS:

CONNECTICUT.

The annual meeting of the Connecticut Federation which The Club Woman has been helping to advertise for the last two months, is over, and your correspondent knows just how the old lady on the cars felt who first "was dry" and then "had been dry."

It is difficult not to deal in the superlatives we are always being told women especially delight in, in recording this meeting. Also, the Federation has grown so, and has now so many important matters to deal with that to report it adequately in the space one feels justified in asking the hospitable Club Woman to give seems impossible. The three great factors in the brilliant success of this last meeting, about which a hundred smaller matters group themselves, were the excellence of the program, the remarkable executive and hospitality of the entertaining club, and the spirit and enthusiasm with which the press of the cities where the sessions were held entered into it all. Anyone who has had experience knows that to advertise properly people must be told and re-told and re-re-told. This The Club Woman, the Ansonia Sentinel and the Daily News of Derby have done faithfully. Then the local papers gave such accurate and painstaking accounts that your correspondent feels she cannot equal them at all, and must content herself with the merest sketch. The Federation so appreciated the work of the papers that in addition to a vote of thanks to the press, a special vote to the reporters present was heartily given.

The program as published in the November Club Woman was carried out with one exception. Mrs. Florence Kelley, of the Consumers' League was, much to the regret of all, obliged to cancel her engagement because of illness, and by a fortunate happening, Mrs. Cynthia Westover Alden, President-General of the International Sunshine Society, could be present, to give greetings for the Connecticut Branch. Everybody loves to hear Mrs. Alden upon any topic, and she is especially happy in speaking of the work of the Sunshine Society. We are sure all those in the audience who had not before joined the Connecticut Branch will send their names immediately to Mrs. E. L. Scofield, Stamford, President for Connecticut.

The Woman's Club of Ansonia, Derby and Shelton has 250 members. the membership being divided among the three places, and the strength of the club gives an object lesson of what unity can do. The attempt was made to care for all the delegates, as far as possible in private houses and on all sides one heard grateful words as to courtesies received.

The address of Welcome by Mrs. J. R. Mason, president of the club, was forceful, helpful and excellently well delivered. The Executive Board returns thanks collectively to Mrs. Mason and her helpers for the painstaking way in which every detail was attended to and every wish anticipated.

Everything Mrs. Hopson does is well done, and her short response to the address of welcome was admirable, while her resolutions at the close of the meeting were simply inimitable.

The music all through the four sessions was arranged by

Miss Frances Osborne, herself an accomplished violinist, and it was exceptionally fine. It was much to be regretted that as it was essential to have the programs sent out several weeks before the meetings, the names and numbers of the artists could not be printed.

Mrs. Noble's two addresses, "Memories of the Milwaukee Biennial" and her annual message upon retiring from office, were eagerly awaited and much appreciated. The Federation has always been very proud of Mrs. Noble, with good reason, and many little incidents throughout both days showed her popularity.

The reports of individual clubs were very valuable, giving an idea of what is being done which nothing else can. It is to be noted that in very few instances did anyone exceed the two minutes allowed. Mrs. C. W. Shelton, the accurate and efficient recording secretary was time-keeper, and, when it was necessary, gave notice most tactfully, though firmly.

The reception between 4.00 and 6.00 by the hostess Club was a brilliant affair. The Yale Glee Club sang at intervals, but it is much feared that the busy hum of conversation and the eager greetings between friends meeting after separation, did not give as full an opportunity to the Glee Club as they deserved.

A pleasant innovation was the serving of supper by the Congregational Church of Ansonia, at 6.00. This gave an opportunity to those who did not wish to take the trip to their homes to refresh themselves with delicious food in pleasant company, before the evening session. That it was welcome was shown by the fact that several hundred people availed themselves of the supper.

The lecture by Miss Cornelia F. Bradford of Whittier House, Jersey City, upon "The Value of Settlements to Social Reform," and the address by Miss Charlotte Coffyn Wilkinson, upon "The Club Movement Among Working Women," were extremely valuable, both speakers instantly winning their way to the minds and hearts of their hearers.

Miss Bradford has been under unusual pressure, even for her, this fall, and the Federation appreciates deeply her kindness in giving them so valuable a talk by a specialist.

Miss Wilkinson is visiting a number of the Connecticut clubs this month, and to your correspondent come a shoal of letters of admiration and delight as a sort of trail Miss Wilkinson seems to leave behind her. She is so earnest, so magnetic and has the subject so dear to her heart so thoroughly in hand it is no wonder she charms.

Friday dawned in the midst of a cold, cheerless, pelting rain, and the leaders felt discouraged. But they should have had more faith, for the trains brought those who could not be present the day before in astonishing numbers, considering the weather.

The morning begun with the reports of the officers. Mrs. C. W. Shelton, Recording Secretary, gave an admirably succinct yet comprehensive account of the business of the association. Miss Pinneo, Corresponding Secretary, recorded the addition of five societies since the last annual meeting, two of which, the Sunshine Society and the Woman's Relief Corps of the state, numbering 858, brings the total number of members in the Federation up to 6,158. The Secretary's stamp account showed 1100 letters and 765 pages of type-written matter. Mrs. Blakeman of Shelton gave a brief account of the work of the Relief Corps during the past year, recording the spending of some \$17,000 in charity.

The paper upon "Our Public Schools," presented by Miss Celeste E. Bush, Superintendent of Schools in Niantic, was, to say the least, arousing and stimulating. Miss Bush scored the present system, or lack of system, in Connecticut, saying that

there are as many systems as towns—168. She believes very strongly in consolidation of school districts. Miss Bush's personality is powerful, and her utterances are calculated to set people thinking. If a Federation stands for anything it should be education upon all sides. We hope Miss Bush will lend her valuable aid to the Federation under the leadership of its new President, who is so admirably fitted to direct such work.

The amendments recommended by the Executive Board were unanimously adopted. The changes are entirely verbal ones, with these exceptions: There is a provision for Honorary Presidents, the addition of one Director and an entire change in the manner of nominating, which has been hitherto by informal ballot. There has been but one election since the formation of the Federation, and this was merely a formal affair, as the officers and directors were re-nominated and re-elected. After serving through six Federation meetings, three Council meetings and nineteen Board meetings, the Board were anxious that there should be an entire change, but the method of nomination seemed very inexact. The new by-law provides that a Nominating Committee of five shall be appointed by the President a year before the elections. During the first week in March following their appointment, this committee shall notify clubs of the offices to be filled and issue blanks for suggestions, which shall be sent to the committee not later than May 1st. They shall then arrange a ticket and send it to the clubs for their consideration not later than October 1st preceding elections.

The by-laws as amended and the names of the new Executive Board are being printed and will be distributed as soon as possible.

It may be assumed with entire certainty, that after the hospitality shown by the entertaining cities, the luncheon provided in the three churches was delicious. It was particularly pleasant that there was no crush anywhere and that the meal was served with celerity.

The election of the new Executive Board, the presentation of the same, Mrs. Noble's address and the assumption of the gavel by the new president were the absorbing interests of the afternoon. The trains left somewhat inconveniently, at 3.15 and 6.54, so some enterprising members asked if the officers might not be presented the first thing in the afternoon, rather than the last.

This being the will of the assembly, the newly elected officers were called to the platform and presented by Mrs. Noble. They are as follows: Honorary President, Mrs. T. K. Noble; President, Miss Mary Merriam Abbott, Waterbury; First Vice-President, Mrs. George Starr Barnum; Second Vice-President, Mrs. F. W. Gerard, Derby; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Henry H. Barroll, formerly of Danbury, now living in Norwalk; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Jay H. Hart, President of the Waterbury Club; Treasurer, Mrs. Henry T. Hoyt, President of the Traveler's Club, Danbury; Auditor, Mrs. J. Andrew Pickett, New Britain. Directors: Mrs. Henry H. Pyle and Mrs. W. R. Hopson, Bridgeport; Mrs. E. L. Smiley, Hartford, President of the Hearthstone Club; Mrs. W. S. C. Perkins, President of the Wednesday Afternoon Club of Norwich; Mrs. L. A. Camp, Seymour; Mrs. F. W. Shelton, Shelton; Mrs. Arthur W. Gates, Willimantic. Federation Secretary, Miss D. S. Pinneo, Norwalk. The retiring President was given the Chautauqua, led by Mrs. Tucker, President of the Friday Afternoon Club of South Norwalk, and the incoming President received the same signal of affection and approval, led by Mrs. Noble.

Miss Abbott's little speech, upon assuming the gavel, was truly significant of the ability, learning and enthusiasm she brings to her new field of labor. She is a graduate of Vassar.

was for some time principal of a school of her own, taught in the celebrated St. Margaret's School in Waterbury, and is now in charge of the English Department in the Waterbury High School. She is a woman of broad learning and culture. She lectures with the greatest success upon Educational Subjects, Current Topics and Art. As an important member of the Executive Board of her own club for years, and the Chairman of the Educational Committee of the State she was one of the most logical candidates for the position of President of the Federation. It was fitting that this honor should go to the Waterbury Club, as it was one of the first actively interested in forming the Federation and is next to the largest club in the State, and this honor will surely be found to be worthily bestowed upon Miss Abbott. She has a fine body of helpers in the new Board. The Board which has served so faithfully from the beginning feel that they give up the ship of State admirably equipped and manned. The numbers have reached by far the highest yet attained, the treasury is full, and as for the enthusiasm and interest, just ask any of the women who braved the storm of last Friday what they think as to this.

Dotha Stone Pinneo.

Norwalk.

FLORIDA.

A very interesting article from our highly esteemed state correspondent appeared in the September number of "The Club Woman," but as one who has been in such close touch with the Jacksonville club since its organization a feeling of pride and satisfaction at the amount of good work accomplished by the society for the past year prompts me to add a few lines more to the former well written report. It was at the State Federation held in Palatka in January last that the interest in educational work was revived, and as each club in the Federation pledged themselves to do all in their power to extend the cause of education, the Jacksonville club at once realized the wide field before them for operation. The precious sheaves of souls that must be garnered and surrounded by conditions and advantages favorable for an abundant increase seemed to impress itself upon all the members. To awaken the interest of the public upon this question a convention was held at Jacksonville in March. Hon. J. L. M. Curry, LL. D., a noted educator and secretary of the Peabody and Slater fund, was invited to address this meeting. All officials, mayor of the city, superintendents of public institutions, members of the city council, school board, and all citizens interested in the line of education were earnestly requested to give their presence and support for the betterment of our school system. Dr. Curry's address was "Schools Versus Crimes," and he impressed his audience with the importance of spending more money on schoolhouses which would lessen the expense of criminal prosecution. He stated that Massachusetts, for example, pays more per capita for education than any state in the Union, and its wealth per capita is greater than that of any other state. This, said he, is not an accident, it is a result. Trained brain and trained hands working together produce wealth. His observations also had been that the schools where women had the supervision were in a more prosperous condition than those presided over by men, and alluded to the wise man who once said that school boards would never be all that they might be until an educated woman and a physician were included in each. This meeting proved to be an incentive and an inspiration to all present. As the longest school term in Florida is eight months and sometimes less the school funds this year,

which had been diverted in other ways, were inadequate for the expenses of a longer term than seven months. The first duty which confronted the members of the club was the continuation of the schools until the regular closing day. A hundred dollars was at once pledged from the club treasury, and a committee appointed to solicit as much more as possible by public subscription. After raising several hundred dollars in this manner, The Metropolis, one of the leading city papers, granted to the members the courtesy and privilege of issuing a thirty-two page "Woman's Club Edition," alluded to in the former article. It was complimented by the state press "As a magnificent edition," "Outranked them all," "Most complete," "Monument to their credit," "Up to date," "A successful effort," "A credit to the women," who did the work in every department excepting the mechanical, and many more encomiums of praise which could not result other than in a financial success. Not satisfied with what had already been accomplished, the members ventured on and presented before the voters of Duval county the names of three progressive, efficient and conscientious gentlemen who should constitute the board of public instruction, although not wishing to invade the realm of politics they made an appeal to the voters to support the club in an effort on behalf of the schools. Political workers were well pleased and spoke favorably of the candidates named and approved of the action and believed that the gentlemen named would receive a strong support not only for their merit and fitness for the places, but as indorsed by intelligent women. The Democratic convention held in Jacksonville on May 19 respected the wishes of the Women's club by placing the names of the nominees upon their ticket, and a few days more will no doubt bring a favorable report. The social department of the society caught the spirit of enterprise, and instead of a free social function as heretofore, attracted and delighted the public with an "Art Loan Exhibit," to which an admission was charged. Most rare and interesting objects were cheerfully loaned by the entire community. The display was one of surprise and pleasure as well as profit. As one entered the hall where this exhibit was made tender sentiments took possession of heart and soul. Out through the misty orbs of long ago looked some ancient ancestor, sitting in stately form, dressed in stiff array, queer old jackets, and waistcoats gay in stripes, quaint old cases of purple and velvet with hidden treasures, when opened brought with them a smile that was half a tear. It seemed almost unpardonably cruel and heartless to drag from the cedar chambers the ghosts of banished youth and wonderful bygone days. 'Twas then dull daylight shone once more into the quaint folding cases that some hand had closed the love-light in for many a year. It was yeoman service in getting the collection together, but it was far advancing the interests of the society while it was giving pleasure to the masses. Among the many valuable pictures was a "Face," a copy from Sassaferrato's picture in Florence, Italy; an original Raphael painted in 1513, one of Charlotte Corday by W. Van Bryck, a genuine "Madrosse," a copy of Romney, a Tintelotti, a "Giovannie Roberts" and a "Porthurst," the wedding of St. Catherine, by Murillo; an original painting by "Velasquez" of St. Catherine and child, Gerardo Donne, on copper plate dated 1600, portraits by "Dulei," one of Simon Bolivar for which the United States government once offered \$5000, but the offer was at once refused; furniture which was brought to Florida by the Marquis of Talleraud; carved ivory; crucifix with silver mountings three hundred years old; a Russian Jehon, which the Russians worship; China canteens from Venice, made in 1700; colonial china and a French clock brought to the colonies before the Revolution; ancient egg dishes between 200 and 300 years old; old punch ladle hammered out of an English crown;

old shawls, bed cover and other fabrics two and three hundred years old, faded with age. A land grant from Lord Fairfax, 1764, and parchments of all descriptions and dates signed by George Washington and other notables, with interesting curios and other articles too numerous to mention, as time and space will not permit of the entire list. Justice could not allow the conclusion of this article without again alluding to the State Federation, which was entertained in January last by "The Fortnightly Club" of Palatka. Such wholesale hospitality as was dispensed upon that occasion is indeed rare. The Putnam House, a homelike and spacious hotel, was opened to the visiting delegates, and the freedom of the house given to all club members. Carriages were at the disposal of the guests and every comfort provided. Mrs. A. S. Willard, daughter of the distinguished senator, R. W. Davis, and president of the Fortnightly club, gave the address of welcome. It was notable for its purity of diction, and the warmth of hospitality which emanated from every sentence uttered. The convention closed with a reception given at the beautiful old southern home of one of the officers of the club, which showed the ability of the society to entertain in an elegant manner. This club was organized in October, 1897, and has devoted itself mostly to literary work, and by its zeal and untiring energy created an interest, and assisted the city in building a public library. The Florida State Federation of Women's Clubs has been invited by the Palmetto club of Daytona to hold the next annual meeting there, in January, and high hopes are entertained that the reports for the year 1900 will prove this to be the most successful of the Florida State Federation.

Harriet Stone Fairhead

October 22, 1900.

GEORGIA.

The most brilliant convention in the annals of the Georgia Federation was held at Griffin, October 29, 30, 31 and November 1.

Monday was given up to a council of Presidents and a drive to the many cotton mills, for which the prosperous little city of Griffin is famous.

Tuesday morning the convention opened with the President, Mrs. J. Lindsay Johnson, in the chair. The invocation was by Mrs. T. E. Patterson of Griffin. The address of welcome by Mrs. T. R. Mills and Hon. R. T. Daniels.

Mr. Daniels, speaking for the city, laid the keys of the municipality garlanded in flowers at the feet of the many club women. Mrs. Mills, President of the Current Topics Club, was replete with beauteous thoughts and warm welcome. Mrs. James Jackson, First Vice President of Federation, made a most fitting response to the words of welcome accorded her association, and the interest shown in it by the large number present. In a few well-chosen words, Mrs. Jackson told of the growth of the Federation and how much of that growth arose from the conventions which were obliged to be inspiring when the welcome was so hearty as that always accorded the body in all club towns of Georgia.

The rest of the morning was given to the reading of club reports, all of which showed growth and vigor. One hundred and fifty dollars was donated in less than ten minutes to maintain the Manual Training Scholarship in Columbia College, New York, and twenty-five dollars voted for the printing of leaflets to be circulated in the country districts before the Arbor Day celebration, on December 7, the day which the Governor of Georgia has just made a legal holiday, in response to a request made to him by the Georgia Federation. Upon these leaflets is to be printed in full "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."

The services accompanying the ceremonies pertaining to the planting of trees are to be entirely patriotic.

Tuesday night was given to the President's report and to the Industrial Committee.

The large hall was so full that the gentlemen stood throughout the entire evening, and for what? To hear young, beautiful, well-dressed women plead for the ill-fed, ill-clad factory mother and child. The earnest words spoken and the rapt attention given showed Capital and Labor in the South were being by woman's influence drawn nearer together.

Mrs. Chappell's of Columbus subject, "Field of Work for Industrial Committees in the South," was timely, well-considered and well rendered.

Mrs. Edward T. Brown of Atlanta spoke most eloquently upon the fine work of men in politics during the many centuries; then touched quite gently, but with hard facts at her finger tips, of the sins of omission.

One of the most important reports was that of the Chairman of Reform and Social Service. Mrs. A. M. D. Wilson of Atlanta spoke of the unfortunate children in our midst, of the one who, through the want of protective laws, loses her virtue and chastity before she is old enough to know the meaning of either word. The President made an eloquent appeal to the delegates to arouse the people on this subject, saying they need not fear being condemned for mentioning the subject, as nothing that effected the virtue and well-being of the daughters of Georgia should be left unsaid through fear, acknowledging that, to her, the raising of the age of consent was the most important measure which would come before the General Assembly of Georgia in session assembled.

Wednesday night was devoted to the Educational Committee. Mrs. William B. Felton, a woman of ripe age, spoke on the need of compulsory education. State Commissioner Glenn addressed the convention. In the most complimentary manner he spoke of what has been accomplished by club women and what he hoped to see done. Mrs. Burton Smith delivered a most scholarly address on the need of domestic service in our homes and schools.

After the most lavish entertainment the last evening was given to the Chairman of Music, who has in less than a year procured scholarships in the best music schools of the country and the amount of one thousand dollars.

The concert was most finished and attractive, all wishing it to continue, which is not always the wish of an audience after a four-day convention.

The convention closed in a blaze of glory, with most flattering remarks of thanks for the magnificent program furnished by the never-tiring chairman of programs, Mrs. A. O. Granger of Cartersville.

It gives me great pleasure to enclose you my annual subscription. I feel that this in no way represents the value of the magazine to me, especially since its adoption by the Federation at Milwaukee. I recognize that everything that is now in it is official, and the suggestions that are coming from the State Federations we accept only too gladly, that they may be adapted to our own conditions. In all the clubs in which I am interested I endeavor never to omit an opportunity to impress upon the minds of the members the importance of what they are losing by not subscribing to *The Club Woman*. The reports bring us not merely what other clubs are doing, but they are so suggestive for our own work. As material comes in it will give me great pleasure to forward it to you. Thanking you and reiterating my appreciation, I am, very sincerely yours, Minnie M. Kendrick.

ILLINOIS.

The Illinois Federation of Women's clubs closed its annual meeting Friday, October 19, at Rockford. The officers were chosen thus:

President—Mrs. Thaddeus P. Stanwood, Evanston.
 Vice President at Large—Mrs. Seely Perry, Rockford.
 Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Susan Tibbits, Quincy.
 Recording Secretary—Mrs. Sadie H. Cox, Hadson.
 Treasurer—Mrs. Edward J. Lambert, Jacksonville.

Vice Presidents—Second district, Mrs. C. E. Curtis; fourth, Mrs. Laura Dainty Pelham; sixth, Mrs. John Worthy; eighth, Mrs. Jennie Ellwood; tenth, Mrs. Flora B. Graham; twelfth, Mrs. Nettie Kenaga; fourteenth, Mrs. Anna Schipper; sixteenth, Mrs. Thomas Fitner; eighteenth, Mrs. B. Davis; twenty-second, Mrs. Mary Wegner.

SNAP SHOTS AT THE SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ILLINOIS FEDERATION.

It was rather a remarkable convention, taken in all, this last one of the century. Surely men must see that these growing forces are those with which the politicians have to do in future. In the Presidential contest at this meeting was shown as neat a bit of wire-pulling and as interesting a bit of political "bluffing" as was ever seen in a horrid man's convention.

The convention endorsed most heartily the work of the Chicago Teachers' Federation in forcing a reapportionment of property in Chicago to the extent of \$26,000,000. These two clever-headed women, Misses Goggin and Haley, appeared before the body in person, representing 5,000 teachers, and reported their efforts as an investigating committee, receiving rapt attention. The expose was an astounding one and aroused overwhelming interest. Blanks containing printed statements of detail of their work can be had on application to the Teachers' Federation Bureau, Chicago.

Mrs. Lydia P. Williams, President of the Minnesota State Federation of Women's Clubs, made an earnest plea before the convention in behalf of the Minnesota "Paramount Issue," as she termed it, the preservation of the forests of that State, which are endangered by commercial greed. She asked endorsement of a bill making the section a forestry reserve of national character. Her account of the Club-women's detective work in the matter was extremely interesting.

The color question came up at one or two sessions. Celia Parker Wooley presenting the matter of admitting colored clubs to the Federation, and it was disposed of in a most prudent and diplomatic manner, being referred to a committee, who will bring it before the next annual meeting. Never consider an unpleasant or vexing question today which can be put off until next year seemed to be the attitude of the women on this question.

Jane Addams, who is especially loved in Rockford, received an ovation when she spoke on Social Economics at the Paris Exposition. She told how they had a separate building, two stories and basement, put up, for they did not want to be mixed up with the educational and charitable societies. The building was put up entirely by the trades union. She spoke of the Woman's Congress, and the interesting look of self-consciousness in the speakers, most of the delegates being French, German, Italian and Belgian women.

One of the most interesting guests of the convention was that charming writer on club topics, Bertha Damoris Knobe, who had just returned from an extended European tour and who came on to Rockford for a renewal of friendship with her devoted club women friends, who are legion in number. Miss Knobe has addressed two national club meetings, one at Columbus, Ohio, and the other at Milwaukee last June. She is a member of the Chicago Woman's Athletic Club and is a brilliant example of the modern up-to-date American girl, winning her way to success by those qualities of industry and charms of manner which are always irresistible.

The social side of the convention was characterized by a charming and sincere hospitality, possible only in a community in which lingers the old traditions of New England in nearly every other home. Lucia M. Harvey.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Following is the report of the Educational Committee for the year 1899-1900: The program for the February meeting of the past club year was assigned to the Education Committee, who were a unit in the conviction that as the training of the intellect has heretofore been the great aim of educators, to the neglect too often of the physical and moral needs of the child, the attention of those clubs which work in educational lines should be called,

First.—To the structure and sanitary condition of the school building and its surroundings, and,

Secondly.—To the best means of stimulating a healthy moral growth in the child.

So the morning was given to addresses from Mr. John Lyman Faxon, an expert on school architecture, and to Mr. Walter Gilman Page, the artist, on "Art in the School;" followed by discussions suggested by the addresses.

The afternoon was devoted to Moral Training, and for its special advocate we were fortunate in securing the services of Miss Margaret J. Evans of Carleton College, Minnesota, a wise educator who has given careful attention for years to the subject. She was followed by Hon. Frank A. Hill, Secretary of the Massachusetts Board of Education; by Rev. Mr. Forbush of Charlestown and others.

The meeting was pronounced of great value and interest, and it is hoped that the seeds there sown are yielding a harvest worthy of the plant.

Recognizing the value of industrial education as an aid, not only to physical and intellectual growth, but to moral growth, as well, last year your committee sent out a circular recommending that special efforts be made for its introduction and maintenance in our public schools. In that circular we outlined Elementary and High School courses for boys and girls, as given us by acknowledged authorities, and recommended that when these could not be made a part of the regular school work they should be taught in vacation schools, and vacation schools were especially recommended for cities, large towns and manufacturing villages.

CIRCULARS OF ENQUIRY.

Wishing to learn what clubs, if any, had been moved by this appeal and also what educational work in other lines had been done, we sent, in April, to each of the federated clubs a circular of enquiry and received eighty replies.

Now, as all clubs would be likely to report if they had done good educational work, it is fair to suppose that those who did not reply had nothing of encouragement to show. Indeed, it is not to be supposed that all clubs would take up general educational work. Each club has its own purpose, and I, for one, am very thankful for the good done, in whatever line is chosen.

VACATION SCHOOLS.

The credit of establishing the first vacation schools belongs to Newark, N. J., and the origin of the plan to Dr. William N. Barringer, then School Superintendent at the time. Summer vacations had been gradually lengthening from three weeks to twice that time, and still were too short for the summer outings of the well-to-do, while to the children of the stay-at-homes its length was often a great calamity, and there came to the school authorities of Newark a pretty general protest against closing the schools all summer. Then Dr. Barringer announced his plan for summer schools, which, after thorough discussion, was adopted, and the success of these vacation schools then opened in Newark (sixteen years ago) settled the question of their utility and gave them an impetus which assures us that they have come to stay.

Twenty-five clubs reported vacation schools in fourteen different cities and towns, and clubs in three other towns were agitating the subject—two of them were to establish the next (last) summer, and the third had appointed a committee to raise money for one. Some reported vacation schools already a part of the public school system, as in the municipalities of Boston and Cambridge, also in Hyde Park.

The Cantabrigia of Cambridge reported that for some years they had supported a vacation manual training school. This is now adopted by the city, and the club instead was to support two summer kindergartens for one hundred pupils, and I presume they did. I know that kindergarten classes were formed there and Cuban teachers invited to observe them. The Cantabrigia gave to the city her plant for the cooking school.

The Lynn Clubs have assisted their Associated Charities, which has supported vacation schools for two years in buildings lent by the School Committee.

Woburn has one for children over ten years of age, supported by the Warren Academy, in which Sloyd, cooking and sewing are taught. The club has organized two servants' classes in cooking each year to attend the school.

The Middlesex Club of Lowell has carried on one vacation school for six weeks this year, with an average attendance of 156, giving a daily lunch of milk and crackers. A matron and four kindergarteners were employed, also an instructor in sewing for older girls, and cane-seating for boys. A large working committee of the club was also in attendance. A weekly excursion was given the children by the Street Railway Company. I received a report from this school only last Tuesday, from which I cannot quote, except to say that they are a little doubtful about the advisability of having a milk and cracker lunch, in consideration of the amount of time and care required in serving.

The Worcester Woman's Club arranged for the instruction of 150 boys in wood working for five weeks, the room and tools being furnished by the city, the club, assisted by public spirited citizens, paying the running expenses.

The Wellesley Hills Club supported one vacation kindergarten last year and this year supported two.

The Social Science Club of Newton has had a vacation school in Nonantum, a manufacturing village of Newton, nearby, for the past eleven years, and for one year in Newtonville. It has raised and spent \$6,000 for the work, and the work is still going on.

I wish now and here to express my thanks to the clubs of Haverhill, Worcester, Springfield, Brighton, Allston and Amherst for sending me without my asking reports of their vacation schools this year. Four of them were quite full, and I would like much to read them all to you if time allowed, but I must content myself with giving here and there their striking

features only. These schools have all been successful beyond anticipation, and members are enthusiastic over the results obtained.

The Springfield Club raised \$500 for the schools, which were the first established there. They had the hearty co-operation of their City School Superintendents, and taught for six weeks 172 boys out of 357 who applied; their attendance was over 96 per cent. They had wood carving, bent iron work, natural science, drawing, water color painting, nature study and athletics, with excursions Friday afternoons. They said that this enterprise was the direct outcome of the suggestions given by this Federation, and added, also, that a vacation school for fifty girls, under the management of the Y. W. C. A. and the College Club owed its inspiration and direction to the same source, the channel being a member of the Springfield Club Committee, Mrs. Price.

This was a delightful summer school, where the little ones in their games and work became so interested that in comparison their field excursions were at a discount. At the close of the sessions each older girl was rewarded for her industry by being given a doll which she had dressed, the first real doll that many of them had ever owned.

I am going to give you somewhat more in detail the work of the Amherst Club; first, because she is our hostess and we the more naturally drawn to her just now, and, second, because this was their first attempt to teach household arts, and their course may aid other clubs in their first attempts in the same direction.

The club appropriated one hundred dollars for a vacation cooking school, and a committee was appointed in April to carry on the work. The Board gave the use of a building and tables. One of the merchants gave the use of a range, and there were other small contributions toward the expense. Pupils of the eighth and ninth grades were given the opportunity to join the school and many more applied than could be accommodated. Miss Greenwood, the Supervisor of Cooking in Springfield, was engaged to take charge of the school, and to her ability and experience the success of the experiment is due. They began by laying the fire, learning about the range and to wash and care for the dishes and cooking utensils. The course of cooking included the preparation of meats, fish, eggs and vegetables, the making of bread, breakfast and deserts. At each lesson a new dish was presented, and also something of the composition and chemistry of the articles used. Aside from the children's classes there was a class for housekeepers, which met once a week and helped defray the expense of the school. A fee of a dollar and a half was charged for this class. The committee feel greatly encouraged by the result of the summer's work, and hope it may be continued another year, and that the public generally may be inclined to support the effort.

Elizabeth S. Tyler,
Chairman of Committee.

The Haverhill Literary Union have a strong Education Committee, which was formed in 1898, in order to investigate and reply intelligently to a circular on text books, and continued as a committee ever since. One of their first steps was to invite five representative teachers to meet and confer with them, and to assure the Superintendent of Schools of their cordial sympathy and their desire to assist him in his work, receiving from him in return most valuable suggestions. They have had a vacation school for three years, closing with an excursion down the river to the Pines.

Seven hundred were accommodated in the school usually held out of doors. They had kindergarten work for the little one, cane-seating (the children bringing their own chairs to seat), basket weaving, whittling and sewing (with millinery),

also drawing and painting flowers from nature, and for recreation swings, bean-bags, etc. They had set programs for each day, work and play alternating judiciously, "constant occupation being the keynote of their success."

I have a fine report of the vacation work of the Bright-helmstone Club of Allston and Brighton, but can only say that their average attendance was 170, representing all nationalities and ages, from six months to sixteen years. They had the usual vacation work and recreation, and also flag drill, with music for the girls and military drill for boys. The children were all eager for something to do, and their closing day, with special exercises and refreshments, was a day to be remembered and to cause each club woman to resolve "that if her voice could be heard she would advocate among the most important of club charities that of the summer vacation school."

The Newton Centre Club contributed for a vacation school this summer \$250 and collected \$250 more and had a fine school in rooms loaned by the School Board. Their school was unique in that "it was for all classes and all classes were equally represented in it throughout." This was a most excellent feature, for those whose lives are not so fortunate felt the influence of having those with better chances in life working with them voluntarily. "A most beautiful spirit was manifest throughout." Their nature work was entirely field work, and the children studied the animals and their ways just where they were found."

The universal judgment is that the school was altogether the best work the Woman's Club of Newton Centre has done.

Boston adopted this year vacation schools as her own, and voted \$3,000 for their maintenance. She has been greatly stimulated by private enterprise, which has maintained vacation schools in some part of the city for several years. Some of her clubs have done nobly, those in Roxbury and Dorchester especially. You will find in the Sunday Herald of August 12 an excellent report of these (Boston) schools, including those conducted by private enterprise. Buy the paper and read the report.

VACATION PLAYGROUNDS.

In cities and closely built villages, especially, it is very necessary that some place be provided in which little ones can play during the hot summer months, besides in their own too often stifled homes, unhealthy door yards and crowded streets. In more open country towns it does not seem so necessary, and I agree with those clubs that report that in their vicinity there is no need of supporting set vacation playgrounds, but at the north end in Boston, or in the crowded streets of the south end, what more charitable work can be devised than the opening of school yards to the little ones, with plenty of sand gardens and other devices for their enjoyment, and a motherly attendant to see to their plays? Boston opened twenty school yards immediately after the closing of her schools, and there has been an average attendance of 3,800 children. Fifty persons besides the committee were employed in the care of those children, and the utility of the measure may be inferred from the remark of a little hunchback, who said: "I know what you do it for; it's so the boys won't be in the streets smoking cigarettes."

Somerville has four playgrounds supported by the city. Salem has two. Winchester has a playroom, the expense met by the club and private contributions. Weymouth has two public parks donated and maintained by bequest. Springfield gives one lot and citizens fit up another. The Dedham Club reports playgrounds supported by the town and free public baths. The Worcester Club secured their school yards. They had sand gardens in charge of trained kindergarteners, and the

older children sewed, made scrap-books for the hospital, etc. The Lowell Middlesex Club maintained a very successful playground last year and opened it again this year in connection with a vacation school. Their report of last year, given by the Chairman of the Summer Playground Committee, would aid any club that is taking up the work in future. The Chelsea Woman's Club established sand gardens in July, 1899, running them successfully, carrying on the same work during the past summer on a larger scale, and in a small way started the nucleus of a sewing class.

MANUAL TRAINING.

Manual training is of value to all children and frequently proves the making of a boy or girl who can do nothing with books. I have an extract from Worcester on its value, also a contribution from the Women in Council, both of which I intend to read in Weymouth, but must here omit.

Sixty clubs report manual training in some form in the schools, principally in the grammar grades, generally sewing for girls and carpentry for boys. Nine municipalities are reported as having manual training in their high schools. By our Massachusetts laws manual training is required in elementary schools of all towns of 20,000 or more inhabitants. It is gratifying to learn that quite a number of less than 20,000 inhabitants have adopted it, and thus testified to its value. In these towns clubs have done and are doing efficient service.

The Wellesley Hills Club has arranged for sewing and cooking after school hours.

In Winthrop Sloyd and sewing are to be introduced in the upper grades. In South Weymouth they are to have sewing in the seventh, eighth and ninth grades under the auspices of the Old Colony Club.

In Winchester manual training was first introduced by the club, which provided the outfit and gave it to the town. This year the town refused appropriations for this and for kindergartens, but the club called a meeting of citizens, after which and in consequence another town meeting was called and suitable appropriations were made.

In Amherst, for two years, sewing was supported in all the grades by the club, but now by public money. A similar experience was had in Springfield, after one year's support by the club, and in Newton some ten years ago sewing was introduced by the efforts of the West Newton Educational Club.

Peabody, Medford and Hyde Park might be added to this list of benefactors.

SCHOOL ROOM DECORATIONS.

Twenty-three clubs are reported as contributing directly to the decoration of their school buildings, mostly pictures and casts. Ten have contributed to the care and beautifying of the grounds and five hope to do something in the future.

Beverly reports that out of the club has grown an Art League for school decoration and interesting people in art. This summer they held an exhibition and all the pictures and casts were put together, so that the people could see what had been done, and prizes were given to the children for the best design for covers of the catalogue.

Worcester has an efficient public school Art League, of which the President of the Woman's Club is a member. I had at the Weymouth meeting a fine article on school decoration in Haverhill, which was afterward printed in the Transcript by the kindness of Miss Winslow.

MISCELLANEOUS WORK.

Several of the clubs have reported interesting and valuable educational work in other directions, but to which I can only allude. The Danvers Woman's Club has maintained a free

kindergarten for three years. The Sharon Club has contributed furnishings for one, which is supported by subscription.

The Winthrop Club has established and maintained one for fifty children and two teachers, and through this means the School Board has introduced kindergarten methods into the first grades and made them almost complete kindergartens.

Melrose is just now much interested in her mother's class. Meetings have been held in six buildings, representing the first four grades of school and the kindergarten, and they had also a mother's mass meeting in the high school, and expect to do more next year.

The Women in Council of Roxbury and the Brighthelmstone Club of Allston have interested themselves in the sanitation of the schools in their respective localities and secured better conditions.

The Watertown Club established the past year a stamp saving system, and had some months ago 200 depositors. The club also states with pride that their town was one of the pioneers in manual training, thanks to the progressive spirit of the Superintendent and a broad-minded committee, which reminds me to say that since we can vote for school committee we are equally responsible as any male voter for the election of Superintendent and committee, so let us see to it that, as far as in us lies, our school committees and our Superintendents shall always be broad-minded and progressive.

The Newton Centre Women's Club instituted a Patriotic service for Patriots' Day for grades four to nine, which was a great success. They have put a fine drinking fountain in the public playground, and last year gave prizes for independent vacation work in sewing, in collecting shells, flowers, ferns, etc.; also in wood carving and in bread-making. A lecture was given them first to start the work.

The Riverside Club of Saugus has offered \$10 in prizes for the best work of children from ten to fourteen years of age, during the summer vacation, to be held September 15, from 2 to 9 p. m.

In connection with other clubs of Lynn, the 1884 Club reports itself as contributing to a High School Lunch Counter, established in the spring, two members giving one day every week to assist in serving. It is a success, and I am told that the Lynn schools have also made their lessons in cookery a decided success.

A fine thing accomplished by the Haverhill Literary Union, through their Educational Committee, was to secure in their Public Library a children's reading room, with a trained librarian in charge, and in which there was certain censorship of books provided for their reading. It took some time to convince the trustees of the necessity of the move, but when they recognized the need of the changes they gave themselves enthusiastically to the work, and the children's room they fitted has been called the finest in the State. They have made other valuable improvements also, at the suggestion of the club.

Your committee would here express their appreciation of the courtesy of clubs in responding to their circulars of enquiry and the gratification that their suggestions were so well received and so largely adopted.

For the committee:

Mrs. E. L. Walton, Chairman.

Mrs. May Alden Ward.

Miss Helen Winslow.

Miss Etta Glidden.

Any Club or Society wishing to raise money may do so by helping to place St. Nicholas Magazine in the hands of children. For particulars address

The Century Co.,
Union Square, New York.

MICHIGAN.

Crimson-clad October graciously welcomed Michigan club women to their sixth annual meeting. Organized at Lansing in March, 1895, the State Federation was a second time invited to the capital city, because of the dedication of the new Woman's Building at the Michigan Agricultural College. The Lansing City Federation was the hostess.

In this sixth large convention of the State Federation 219 delegates represented 118 clubs. There are in Michigan 123 federated clubs, having a total membership of more than seven thousand. Thus the Federation lacked but five clubs and 27 delegates of full representation.

Considering its population, Lansing has a larger representation in the State Federation than any other city in Michigan, and so cordial was its entertainment of this large organization that the sixth annual convention will long remain in the memory of those present as one of the most harmonious, happy and memorable occasions in the history of the Federation. The capital is in many ways a desirable meeting place. Club women felt in a sense that they were at home.

Occupying a central place among the decorations above the platform was a life-size portrait of Mrs. L. H. Stone, our "Mother of Clubs," who has passed away since the last annual meeting. A memorial hour was set apart on the program of Wednesday for a tribute to her worth and work. At its close the audience arose and stood for a moment with bowed heads.

The opening meeting was held on Tuesday evening. The names of Rev. Celia Parker Woolley of Chicago and Madame Sophie Loovna Friedland of Moscow were on the program for this opening occasion, but both were unable to be present. But the opening meeting was a success, after all, for the president of the Minnesota State Federation, Mrs. Lydia P. Williams, was present, and she gave a pleasant half hour's talk on the interest of her own Federation in forestry and their efforts to preserve a part of the original fine forest in Minnesota for a forestry reserve and a national park. Madame Friedland's greeting was there, if the Madame was not, and it was an interesting part of the program. It was read by Mrs. Florence I. Bulson of Jackson. The cordial address of welcome by the president of the Lansing City Federation, Mrs. Zoe S. Fuller, and the happy response by Mrs. Keating were very pleasantly received and the music was fine. The idea of a social hour must have come to the president as an inspiration, for nothing could have been more pleasing to delegates and visitors than the informal social hour which closed the meeting.

Wednesday's meeting was given mainly to reports of officers and committees, discussions and the president's annual address. It was a full and interesting day and from these sessions more than any others the delegates must have gathered suggestions and inspiration for work in their home clubs.

The standing committees which made reports were as follows: Art, Authors, Education, Industrial, Conference with Collegiate Alumnae, Legislative, Household Economics and Reciprocity. Beside the printed copies of these suggestive reports furnished the delegates, the Art and the Authors' Committees each had an interesting exhibit, which attracted much attention and favorable comment. The "Travelling Collection" of art reproductions for the use of clubs contributing to the purchase of the same, will undoubtedly stimulate art study in the clubs. The exhibit of the printed work of Michigan women authors was suggestive of encouragement to "home talent," and though not large, was a noteworthy endeavor.

Next year "Forest Preservation" will be added to the list of standing committees. Perhaps the advancement and growth of Michigan club workers as a result of federated effort is

shown nowhere so clearly as the work attempted and accomplished by these committees.

A reception given by the Lansing club women to delegates, visiting club women and their friends, at Maccabee Hall on Wednesday evening was a brilliant success and apparently much enjoyed.

Thursday was given to the dedicatory exercises of the Woman's Building at the Michigan Agricultural College and a banquet and toasts.

At 10 a. m. a fine program was given in the Armory. It was a magnificent audience and an inspiring occasion. There was thrilling music by the orchestra, a wonderful prayer by Rev. E. B. Allen of Lansing, an address of welcome worthy of the occasion by Dean Maud R. Keller of the Women's Department, a vocal and trombone solo, and a succession of scholarly and interest-compelling addresses by Mrs. Anna A. Palmer of Saginaw, Mrs. Marie B. Ferry of Lansing, President Mary Evans of Lake Erie College, Painesville, Ohio, and Professor Nellie S. Kedzie of Bradley Institute, Peoria, Ill.

Mrs. Loraine Immen of Grand Rapids made a presentation of books to the Women's Department from some of the Women's Clubs of Michigan.

True education, its relation to life, and the part of manual training and especially of domestic science in contributing to that education were treated by the different speakers from an end-of-the-century point of view and it seemed as if a benediction were all that was left to be said when argument, wit and oratory were over.

Four hundred invited guests partook of the banquet, prepared by the college girls of the Women's Department under the direction of Miss Crowe, their instructor in home science.

Toasts followed the banquet, the venerable Dr. Kedzie, whose name has long been connected with the College, acting as toastmaster. The program of toasts was as follows: "The Evolution of True Womanliness," Dr. Eliza M. Mosher, Ann Arbor; "Greetings from the Normal Schools," Prof. Julia A. King, Ypsilanti; "The Twentieth Century Girls," Mrs. Ella Rockwood, Flint; "The Boy's Side," Hon. Jason E. Hammond, Lansing; "The Country for Girls," Hon. L. Whitney Watkins, Manchester; "Some of the Things Hoped for from the Women's Department," Hon. C. J. Monroe, South Haven; "Women as Helpmeets Rather than Competitors of Men," Miss Julia Ball, Hamburg; "The College Woman," Mrs. Martha A. Keating, Muskegon.

There was little time for looking about the new building or the college grounds after the toasts were over, for twilight was already coming on.

All visitors present on this day were impressed anew with the beauties of the college campus—the finest in America, and all were stirred with a feeling of pride in this great institution and in the occasion which called together this splendid concourse of Michigan women. The magnificent tints and colors of a perfect autumn day blended with the cloud effects of a glorious sunset in a way never to be forgotten.

The Washington Souvenir-tree League sent a gift of trees, which were presented in a very happy manner by Mrs. Martha E. Root of Bay City. There were three Ginkgo trees, natives of Japan, which thrive in this climate, and oaks from Mount Vernon acorns.

The last public meeting of the Federation was held in Representative Hall on the evening of this day. The music by the Matinee Musical Chorus was a very enjoyable part of the program. Professor Julia Anna King of the Ypsilanti State Normal School gave a very able and scholarly address on "Mechanical Training as a Supplement to Technical Education."

This was followed by an excellent address on "Environment" by Isabella Davidson Dailey of Jackson.

Friday, the closing day, was given entirely to the election of officers and the transaction of miscellaneous business. It was near night when the convention adjourned. A few changes were made in the constitution and by-laws. Four directors will hereafter be elected at each annual meeting, instead of two as heretofore. Club dues were made payable thirty days before the annual meeting each year.

Officers were elected for the coming year as follows: President, Mrs. Belle M. Perry, Charlotte; vice-president, Mrs. Josephine M. Gould, Owosso; second vice-president, Mrs. Ella W. Shank, Lansing; recording secretary, Mrs. Ella M. A. Ellison, Battle Creek; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Ella Warren Gordon, Howell; treasurer, Mrs. Carrie E. Torrey, Rochester; directors, Mrs. Myra Soper Woodley, Menominee; Dr. Eliza M. Mosher, Ann Arbor; Mrs. Frances Wheeler Smith, Hastings; Mrs. Andrew Howell, Detroit.

As the spirit and earnest work of the sixth annual is reviewed its message voices the demand of the time for mechanical education in all the schools, even into college, the promotion of home science and a call to women through the possibilities of co-operation in clubs to bring it about. Another message often emphasized in address, paper or discussion was the call to club women to be of service to the world.

The choice of Mrs. Belle M. Perry as president of the Federation, a well beloved and honored leader of Michigan women, is an assurance that no backward steps will be taken in the forward movement so well begun by this Federation.

MINNESOTA.

The western portion of the second district of Minnesota has just held its second annual Federation meeting at Wells on October 26 and 27.

Delegates were present from the following federated clubs: Sorosis Minervae of Blue Earth City, Every Wednesday Club of Lake Crystal, Travel Class of Fairmont, Woman's Club of Jackson, Art History Club of Mankato, Sorosis of Madelia, Travel Class of Sherburne, Tourist Club of Windom and Current Events Club of Wells.

Unfederated clubs from this district were also represented from Blue Earth City, Mankato, Winnebago City and Fairmont. Guests were also present from the first district, representing clubs from Owatonna, Albert Lea and Alden.

The program follows:

Friday, October 26—7.30 p. m. Piano solo, Miss Southwick; invocation, Mrs. Wm. Gardner; address of welcome, Mrs. Conant; response, Mrs. Day; vocal solo, Miss Hutton; piano solo, Mrs. J. R. Brown; reception in the parlors of the church.

Saturday, October 27—9 a. m. Roll call; response by sentiments; reading of minutes; reports of officers; reports of clubs; miscellaneous business; paper, "The Club as a Factor in Individual Development"; paper, "The Social Question at Conventions," Miss Frances Tennison; adjournment. 2 p. m. Piano solo, Miss Edith Glover; paper, "The Spirit of Federation Work," Mrs. Hayes; election of officers; considering invitations; paper, "The Influence of the Library as a Social Factor," Mrs. James; paper, "The Education of Our Children," Mrs. Reed; papers were followed by general discussion.

The officers for the ensuing year are as follows: President, Mrs. Charles E. Conant, Wells; vice-president, Mrs. F. A. Day, Fairmont; secretary, Miss Elise Donaldson, Jackson; treasurer, Mrs. T. C., Collins, Windom.

The next meeting will be held at Windom by invitation of the Tourist Club.

All who have attended this meeting feel that district Federations are of inestimable benefit, bringing club women of one locality into even closer touch than the meetings of the State Federation, and creating a more vital interest in the workings of that parent organization among those unable to attend its meetings.

Edith M. Conant.

Many readers will recall the announcement of an excursion from Milwaukee immediately after the Biennial to Northern Minnesota to the proposed "National Park" region, such excursion having been planned principally for delegates and friends in attendance upon the Biennial meeting at Milwaukee of the Federation.

On the excursion were representatives from California, Montana, Illinois, Iowa, New York, Pennsylvania and Minnesota, and it may interest you to know that the verdict of all the excursionists was that the pine growths of these Reservations should be preserved as a proper setting and outline for the magnificent lakes they border, an object lesson in forestry and a national park.

We arrived at Walker at 6 p. m. of June 11, to find the "Chief," a steamer owned by T. B. Walker, lumberman of Minneapolis, taken out of commission that morning and pilot and engineer discharged," writes Mrs. Williams, the State President.

"The Flora," a steamer owned by A. C. Ackley, a lumberman of Minneapolis, taken out of commission that morning and pilot and engineer discharged. The "Leila Dee," a steamer owned by private party, chartered by lumbermen and taken that afternoon down the lake thirty miles for one week. Also the morning of the day we arrived, the "Jessie Lee," the only other steamboat on the lake at Walker, was found disabled, having during the night been boarded by some unknown party, the water drawn off from the boiler and a fire built under the same. This boat, however, was fortunately found not to be disabled beyond repair and the excursionists were enabled to see the beautiful lakes and make some startling discoveries of the diabolical attempts to fire the large pines, in order to have the same condemned and come under the "Dead and Down Timber Act."

"Our landing at this point was quite accidental, as the shore is steep and rather inaccessible, but having, on account of small steamer and high wind, been disappointed in getting out into the big lake, I made the personal inquiry of the captain, if a few of those most interested in pine growths could not be landed by row boats at this place and walk across the point and meet the steamer on the other side. The request was granted, and, taking with us an Indian guide, we made the landing, which resulted in the finding of a kerosene torch recently used to burn a fine group of pines. This was June 13. Our guide—a clergyman from the agency—thought the burning must have been made within one month.

"The following day another torch was found, and when I commented on the startling discovery of this criminal act to a resident standing by when we landed at Walker, the reply was, "O, yes, your find is not a rare one—the lumbermen intend to have the pine on this reservation if they fire the forests to get it, and then they'll give you women the land for a park."

"Authorities at Washington should be put in possession of these facts and the government take steps at once to better guard the reservation and punish transgressors and fire the "Dead and Down Timber Act," the most viciously wicked law ever enacted against the interests of the state

This part of Minnesota is an Indian reservation already ceded to the government under the Rice Treaty with the Indians. This reservation is known as the Leech Lake Chippewa Reservation.

In this tract are 830,000 acres, of which 200,000 are water. Within its boundaries are the three great lakes of Leech (with 540 miles of shore line), Winibigoshish and Cass, besides seventy smaller lakes connecting with the infant Mississippi, making one great checker-board of forest and water.

It is said that upon this reservation is today the greatest body of white and Norway pine to be found in this country. Conservative estimates give 2,000,000,000 feet of standing pine, exclusive of some hard wood and jack pine, making altogether a great water shed and filter bed for the Mississippi River.

For two years the most strenuous efforts have been made by the Federation of Women's Clubs of the State of Minnesota and a number of public-spirited citizens to prevent the lumbermen of the State, already rolling in wealth through purchases of timberlands from the government and State, from acquiring this land.

The friends of forest preservation take the position that this question of destroying or preserving the timber upon the headwaters of this river is of such widespread national importance that its fate should not be left in the hands of a few legislators from Minnesota.

The proposition is too broad and national in its scope to be controlled or influenced by any self-seeking methods.

MISSOURI.

The beautiful little town of Joplin, the "metropolis of Southwest Missouri," was invaded November 7-10 by the representatives of the federated clubs of Missouri, the occasion being the fifth annual meeting of the M. F. W. C. The club women of the pretty mining town entertained in their homes the delegates who were loud in their praise of the hospitality of their hostesses. The weather was perfect and the meeting was in every way a success.

The sessions were held in the Baptist church, which was during the time of the convention filled to its utmost capacity. At 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, after the invocation by Rev. Milford Riggs of the Baptist church, Mrs. Josephine Carey, in a witty and cordial address, welcomed the guests to Joplin in behalf of the city. Mrs. Ada Briggs extended the welcome of the clubs. Mrs. Gertrude A. Hazelton Clarke of Springfield responded fittingly.

The address of the president of the M. F. W. C., Mrs. Edwin Harrison, incorporated an interesting account of the work done during the year with a short historical review of the Federation. She gave a resume of the reports of the chairmen of the various committees and her address was a practical exposition with the flowery elements so often characteristic of such addresses entirely omitted.

The report of Mrs. T. B. Waters, the corresponding secretary, was enthusiastically received. There are just ninety-nine clubs in the state now federated, and one wonders what new club will have the honor of completing the hundred. It is a satisfaction to know that such an admirable club as the Pioneers of St. Louis, has returned to the fold after a period of wandering by itself. The Clotho Club of St. Louis, another good club, has federated. The reports of Mrs. Woodstock of Kansas City, the very efficient treasurer, and Mrs. J. R. Clinkscapes of Carrollton, the recording secretary, were next in order. It is no criticism of former officers of the Federation to state that there have never been a better set than at present in office, and that was one reason why every one was glad that

there was no election this year except of three directors.

The reports on "volunteer efforts" in new lines of work were interesting, especially that given by Mrs. John C. Gage of Kansas City in regard to the philanthropic work undertaken this year by the Athenaeum. Through a mistake the report of Mrs. W. E. Ware of the Wednesday Club of St. Louis was not given at this time.

Miss Mary Perry of the travelling library committee made an interesting report. There are now thirty-eight libraries out and twenty-seven clubs have contributed them. The report showed that thousands of women and children had been benefited by the libraries. Miss Perry had a sample library donated by a lady of St. Louis on exhibition. It was put up in a neat case and consisted of a very choice lot of books, among them some beautifully illustrated books on natural history. Although Miss Perry did not state the fact, this fine sample library was the gift of Mrs. David R. Francis of St. Louis, who has given a number of beautiful libraries. Mrs. Van Blarcom, Mrs. J. N. Booth, Mrs. Morton and Mrs. Davis are other individual donors of libraries, each made up of carefully selected books without regard to the cost.

The travelling art committee has not as yet made as much of a success of their work. An accumulation of beautiful pictures that are not circulated might as well not exist. The name suggests that the art works ought to "travel."

Mrs. W. M. Jones of St. Louis, chairman of the bureau of reciprocity, was unable to be present, and her report was read by Mrs. Charles W. Baker of Webster Groves, very satisfactorily. Mrs. Baker had quite an exhibition of the year books of the state, arranged very tastefully, and her little "rest-room" was cosy, attractive and well patronized.

Mrs. E. M. Shepard of Springfield read the report of Mrs. Weeks, chairman of the educational committee, and gave a talk on "Manual Training." Mrs. Shepard has the happy faculty of being able to present her ideas which are always definite, in an attractive manner. Much interesting discussion showed the intelligent attitude of club women toward the subject.

A thrill of agreeable surprise pervaded the audience as the chairman of the Household Economics section came upon the platform. The youth of Miss Sarah C. Souther, who occupies that responsible position, was partly the occasion for the feeling. But when Miss Souther began to talk it was soon evident that she had considered her subject as thoroughly as a veteran in club women's conventions might have done. "Household economics," she said, "means in plain words the science of good housekeeping—the art of good home-making." She spoke of the difficulties the committee had met with in disseminating knowledge upon the subject and the good results of their efforts. Continuing, she said: "There are 115 counties in Missouri. It is our desire to establish in every county at least one Household Economics Club which will eventually become allied to the Federation. It is the part of the county chairman to do what she can for the formation of these clubs. Already we have ten county chairmen who are heart and soul in earnest, although sometimes mistaking their own qualifications for the talk of guiding others. These chairmen are: Buchanan County, Mrs. W. K. James of St. Joseph; Atchinson, Mrs. W. L. Salmon, Tarkio; Laclede, Mrs. E. L. Greenleaf, Lebanon; Adair, Mrs. Julia M. Ellison, Kirksville; Rollo, Miss Florence E. Downing, New London; Cooper, Mrs. Chas. Leonard, Princeton; St. Louis County, Mrs. Maude Lacey, Old Orchard; Mississippi County, Mrs. Belle G. Russell, Charleston; Livingston, Mrs. Emma P. Tracy, Chillicothe; Green, Mrs. Harriet Milner, Springfield; Clay, Mrs. J. Y. Greenlees. The discussion of this subject was on "What Can

be Done for the Improvement of Our Homes?" Mrs. W. E. Fischel of St. Louis, speaking of what might be done by the educated housekeeper, said it was difficult to decide what should be done and what can be done. So much done for humanism, so little for egoism. She spoke of the struggle to appear rich that women mistakenly sometimes make, and the ideal of home in the perfecting of child life. Some women come to their home circle so worn out with work for others that they are incapable of giving their best efforts to their own families. Mrs. Fischel spoke several times before the convention and was always heartily applauded.

The evening reception at Elks Hall by the club women of Joplin was one of the prettiest social functions in the history of the Federation.

The program for Thursday was very interesting, Mrs. Philip N. Moore as chairman of the committee on philanthropy reporting at 9 o'clock in the morning. "We have heard it stated," said Mrs. Moore, "that there is a reaction from the work of women's clubs—a settling back to the quiet of the old time literary hour. There may be reaction from the officiousness of self-centered or aggressive women; from the politics of sensational elections, in fact from the machinery which has sadly taken strong hold of many organizations. The relation of women's clubs to any subject is simply the relation of women to that subject, with the added enthusiasm, wisdom and influence, secured by the association of a body of intelligent persons for study and discussion. There is a growing feeling of the responsibility of woman outside of her own four walls. She is not only the home mother, but the city mother and knows that the interdependence of modern life is so great that if a child in the alley is neglected her own children will suffer." Mrs. Moore's investigations showed that fifty-two of the clubs of the state were engaged in some sort of philanthropic work. She thought that institutions were responsible for the apparent individual apathy. Club women were on boards and visited institutions but found little outlay for personal service. Twenty-six of the clubs of Kansas City are co-operating with the work of the associated charities. The Wednesday Club of St. Louis started a charity kindergarten in '93, which has since developed into one of the finest institutions in the city, the Isabel Crow Kindergarten Association. Mrs. Moore's paper was thoroughly practical, a plan being outlined by which the clubs could come in touch with charitable work in the cities and towns.

Miss Mary Perry, who is vice-president of the state board of charities, was asked by Mrs. Moore to make a five minutes' report and Mrs. Fischel gave an interesting account of the work of the Emergency Aid Society of St. Louis, which came into existence at the time of the panic of 1893, and did such good work during the miserable time that followed the cyclone. The Emergency Aid now exerts its efforts to help the poor to help themselves. They lend money in small amounts, taking "blanket mortgages," which prevents the persons in needy circumstances from falling into the hands of money sharks. Every moment of her talk was interesting to the club women, who were glad to hear of such truly altruistic effort. Mrs. Huse was the next called on by Mrs. Moore to tell of the work of the Humanity Club of St. Louis, which effected such marvelous changes in the jails and "hold-overs" of the city. Mrs. George H. Shields, president of the Wednesday Club of St. Louis, paid a beautiful tribute to the founder of the Humanity Club, Mrs. John A. Noble, who had by accident gone into the "hold-over" one day. Her heart was touched with pity for the poor unfortunate women and children who were thrown in contact with the worst class of criminals.

There are now women guards and there are not nearly so many children confined in the wretched quarters.

The report of the legislative committee was awaited with much interest, Mrs. John A. Allen, the chairman having the reputation of always succeeding in any work undertaken. Mrs. Allen introduced Mrs. J. H. Bouslog of Springfield, who gave a general outline of the work and aspirations of the committee.

Mrs. Henry Elliott of St. Louis then read her report with reference to juvenile offenders, of which the following is a partial report:

"As a result of their visits to that institution the jail committee of the Humanity Club decided that something ought to be done for the children incarcerated in our jail awaiting a trial. In the summer of 1899 there were as many as thirty at one time, including several under ten years of age. Our most excellent jailer treated them as humanely as possible, but there was no one to interest himself in the individual cases. Such supervision in several states is exercised by a probation officer.

"Mrs. Eliot, as chairman, and Miss Perry were appointed a committee to act in the matter, with Mrs. Harrison, the president, always interested and helpful. Mrs. Eliot knew only the Massachusetts system of laws for young offenders, but she entered into correspondence with the proper parties in Chicago and decided that the Illinois juvenile law, which includes all the essential features of the Massachusetts laws, was better for Missouri.

The probation system is a system which has in view the ultimate reformation of a child by placing him or her on probation under the care of a probation officer, to whom he must regularly report. The case is continued or sentence suspended on condition of good behavior. If the child fails to fulfill this condition he is rearrested and sentenced. Such a law has been in operation in Chicago over a year. After nine months' trial there was this spring issued a report which showed the beneficent effects of the law. Out of 1235 delinquents, 735, more than half, had been placed on probation. Most of these were doing well—one authority says 90 per cent. These children were not only reformed, but there was an actual saving in keeping many of them out of public institutions.

"If possible, some practical work should be accomplished before attempting to secure a probation law. The Humane Society of Missouri, of which Mr. H. N. Davis is president, consented to employ an agent to look after juvenile offenders, on condition that Mrs. Eliot raise half the funds necessary for one year's trial, the society to contribute an equal amount and reserve the right to employ half his time. The money was soon raised and an agent employed this summer. He goes to the jail daily and investigates all juvenile cases, visiting the homes of the children and reporting to the secretary. Under a probation law this information would be asked for by the judge. The society has not yet been able to take many boys on probation. That will come in time."

The report of the legislative committee proved so interesting that it was decided to continue discussion in the afternoon. Those taking part in this discussion were Mrs. George H. Carpenter, Mrs. J. A. Allen, Mrs. Philip N. Moore, Mrs. Sanderson, of Bowling Green; Mrs. Whitsett, Mrs. Huse, of St. Louis; Mrs. Carey of Joplin and others. Mrs. Miller made a hearty plea for the subject of women on school boards.

The discussion which followed was carried over into the afternoon session, and it was decided that the two measures which should be presented to the legislature this winter would be with reference to women on school boards and the "probationary officer" suggested by Mrs. Elliott in the cases of juvenile offenders.

Mrs. E. E. McCarty of Carthage gave the report of the art committee and called the attention of the delegates to the portfolios on exhibition.

Mrs. Mary Flower of Carthage read a paper on "The Value of Art Libraries," and Mrs. E. W. Patterson gave a very interesting account of the work of the Art League of St. Louis and offered some practical suggestions upon the subject of the dissemination of art knowledge through the state.

The most interesting paper read before the convention was that of Mrs. Luella Wilcox St. Clair of Columbia, her subject being "The Leaven of Books."

Thursday night a very pleasant entertainment was given by Miss Anita Muldoon of Louisville, whose classic music was much enjoyed. Miss Muldoon has a sweet voice which has only improved with cultivation in that quality, besides gaining much in other respects, and she interprets charmingly, especially the folk songs of which her audiences are always so fond, although her personal preferences are not confined to them.

Friday was given over to business and the plan, which was followed for the first time, was found to be very successful. Three new directors were elected, Mrs. Bouslog of Springfield, Mrs. St. Clair of Columbia and Mrs. Hardin of Marshall.

The most important matter of business was with reference to the resolution offered at Milwaukee in regard to the erecting of a memorial by the club women of the territory known as the Louisiana Purchase to commemorate its acquisition. Quite a good deal of enthusiasm resulted from the introduction of the subject by Mrs. Whitsett of Carthage. It was decided that Mrs. Edwin Harrison, the president of the State Federation, should at an early date call a meeting of the presidents of the State Federations included in this territory to form some definite plans with regard to the memorial. Mrs. John W. Gage invited the ladies to hold the meeting at Kansas City. At a subsequent board meeting it was decided to accept the invitation.

A few changes were made in the by-laws of the constitution. Hereafter, during the first two days of the convention delegates will deposit ballots for those whom they desire to see elected, and the nominating committee will use these ballots as a guide in making up the ticket to be presented. Clubs that are wholly philanthropic will pay three dollars per annum and the number of delegates shall be limited to two members.

Mrs. John C. Gage of Kansas City offered a resolution with reference to the appointment of a state chemist, whose duty shall also consist in giving instructions with reference to sanitary conditions. She asked that her resolution be left over for consideration until next year.

The board of directors held a meeting at the close of the session. A World's Fair committee was appointed, of which Mrs. Harrison is chairman, to work in connection with the executive committee of the board. The meeting for conference will be held in Kansas City. The members of the committee are: Mrs. Harrison, St. Louis; Mrs. Ellison, Kirksville; Mrs. Woodstock, Kansas City; Mrs. St. Clair, Columbia; Miss Elizabeth Rothwell, Moberly; Mrs. Carey, Joplin. The philanthropic committee and industrial committee have retained the same chairman. The chairman of the art committee is Mrs. Gamble of Kansas City. The board of directors will hold a spring meeting in Carrollton.

Friday afternoon the delegates were taken about the city in carriages. The drive to the mines was much enjoyed and the people of Joplin were voted by all as thoroughly hospitable people.

Jane Frances Winn.

NEW YORK.

Albany, which is the poorest in clubs of all the principal cities, must have found itself somewhat surprised at the advent of the State Federation on the 13th of this month. Through the efforts of Mrs. Washington A. Roebling the meeting was held in the state assembly chamber, a fact which gave a dignity to the Federation, of which it is eminently worthy.

President Mrs. William Tod Helmuth called the convention to order promptly at 10 o'clock. Before the close of the session every seat in the large hall was filled, and many ladies were standing. Delegates from two hundred clubs, representing thirty thousand women were present.

Mrs. Roebling, in making the address of welcome, explained that her apparent usurpation of the privilege was due to the fact that Albany clubs were not actively interested in the Federation, and she, as chairman of the committee of arrangements, having received a cordial welcome from the speaker of the assembly, would pass it on to the Federation, for whom it was really intended. The response, and reports of officers occupied the next hour, and then the announcement was made—"A message from the Governor." Colonel Treadwell was then introduced and conveyed an invitation from Governor and Mrs. Roosevelt to a reception at the executive mansion on Thursday, November 15, from 5.30 to 6.30 p. m.

Mrs. Louisa Eldridge, delegate from the Professional Woman's League, offered a resolution that congratulations be cabled Mrs. Croly on her election to the London Pioneers. Carried.

When the question of color line was introduced the executive committee refused to take any steps. A delegate from a colored woman's club—Mrs. Jerome Jeffrys, of the Rochester Girl's Home Association—received credentials.

Before the close of the session Melvil Dewey, state librarian, made a short address.

The afternoon session opened with reports, followed by papers on education, libraries, club work and fireside travel. The paper on education was by Mrs. J. De La M. Lozier, and after giving statements of work doing and done, ended by strongly recommending the abolition of district schools, and substituting graded schools, to provide for American children in the rural districts as good education as is furnished immigrants in the cities. An animated discussion followed, and when Rev. Phoebe A. Hanaford said that she once taught a district school and didn't see that her grandchildren know much more than did the children of the old district schools, she waked a ripple of laughter. One speaker gave as an instance of neglect, a family of five children in Vermont, who could not read or write, the nearest school being five miles away. A vigorous daughter of the Green Mountain state demanded the name of the town and triumphantly announced that said town was not in Vermont.

Rev. Antoinette Brown Blackwell urged that the Federation insist upon the teaching of morals and manners in schools.

Miss M. E. Hazeltine is chairman of the committee on libraries, and discussion concerning them was participated in by Miss Dortha Stone Pinneo and Mrs. F. N. Doubleday of Brooklyn. The latter said that libraries were more necessary to women than men, particularly in small towns and villages, where their resources are more limited, and quoted the current statement that insanity is more prevalent among farmers' wives than in any other class.

Mrs. Edwin Knowles, chairman of Progress in Club Work, introduced Mrs. Thomas Emery, president of the Kanatenah of Syracuse, who gave an account of their club house and methods of work. Mrs. Knowles read a paper prepared by Miss

Mary Shaw, who was unable to be present, on the "Professional Woman's League of New York." Miss Annie Rhodes spoke of Post Parliament and its formation, saying it was the only club in the world of women studying parliamentary procedure.

Mrs. Henry Power represented the Public Library Association of Brooklyn, founded by Mary E. Craigie, whose report was read. Miss Eliza MacDonald of Flushing told of the Good Citizenship League; Mrs. Florence Stowell of the Looking Forward Club of New York, composed of self-supporting young women; Mrs. E. Knowles gave a history of Chiropean, and Mrs. Waldo Rich of Saratoga recounted the methods of fireside travel.

In the evening a reception was given the Federation by the Alumnae Association of the Albany Female Academy, Mrs. William Tod Helmuth being in the line with the officers.

The first important business of the second day was the report of the nominating committee, Mrs. J. L. Childs, chairman. This was as follows: Mrs. Cornelius Zabriskie of Brooklyn, president; Mrs. C. M. Dow of Jamestown, first vice-president; Mrs. Lucy Carlisle Watson, second vice-president; Mrs. Louise V. L. Lynch, corresponding secretary; Mrs. W. Eastwood of Rochester, treasurer; and for the executive board Miss Anna M. Jones, Mrs. E. A. Goodridge, Mrs. W. J. Humphrey and Mrs. A. T. Campbell. No nomination was made for recording secretary, as all nominees declined.

From the floor other nominations were made for the first and second vice-presidents, and three candidates were named for the office of recording secretary. They were, Mrs. Jackson of Victor, Mrs. John K. Dunn and Miss Anna B. Phelps of Catskill.

The constitution was amended to create the office of state secretary and Miss Anna Maxwell Jones of Saratoga, Mrs.

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Osborn of New York and Mrs. Emery of Syracuse were all nominated.

The topic of the morning was "Literature" under the lead of Mrs. Chas. H. Denison. Mrs. May Riley Smith gave an able paper on "Poetry," Mrs. Ellen M. Mitchell presented "Fiction," and the paper on "Philosophical Writings," prepared by Mrs. Miriam N. Greeley, because of the writer's illness, was read by Mrs. Denison, as was also the paper on "The Poets of Europe," by Miss Kenyon of the Scribbler's Club of Buffalo. Mrs. Margaret Hamilton Welch gave a thoughtful and suggestive paper on "Fiction of the Old World" and the subject was closed by a paper on "Power and Permanence in Literature" by Mrs. Scollard of Utica.

The discussion of philanthropy was under the chairmanship of Mrs. Smith M. Lindsley. The first speaker was Miss Arria Huntington of Syracuse, who urged that this was a question for Women's Clubs to take up intelligently and thoroughly. Mrs. Washington A. Roebling and Mrs. Robert Townsend, each spoke on Institutions. The latter said, "every child needs mothering" and asked each woman to find "one" who could be mothered and cared for. She said, "Let the institutions act as clearing houses and furnish children to the childless home."

She was warmly applauded, her talk being based on a long experience of the Industrial Home of Buffalo.

Mrs. Manning Smith favored the "family system." Mrs. Thorne of the New Century Club, Utica, gave a resume of Kitchen Garden work as practiced under the auspices of her club. Mrs. Jeffrey, of the Girls' Home Association of Rochester, had something to suggest, but failed to get recognition from the presiding officer.

A brilliant reception was given in the afternoon by the Mohawk Chapter, D. A. R., and in the evening a public session, at which a large audience, including many men, was present in the assembly chamber. The papers were on "Art" by Mrs. A. H. Brockway, chairman, and "The Press" by Chairman Mrs. E. C. Davenport.

The interest in the third day's proceedings culminated in the balloting for officers, but the program was fine and roused an enthusiasm which contributed much to intensify and crystalize the interest of clubs. The first subject was "Music," and the chairman of that committee read a paper bristling with puns, on "Congregational Singing." She was followed by Mrs. Lowell T. Field, Mme. Evans von Klenner, Mrs. Bourne and others.

Mrs. James Scrimgeour, president of the Brooklyn Woman's Health Protective Association, gave a resume of the public work of the association.

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Mrs. Newton, first vice-president of a similar association in New York, read a paper by its president Mrs. Trautmann, entitled "Patriotism on Dress Parade," in which she set forth the error of allowing young people to grow up with the idea that "fun" consisted in ignoring the rights of others. This was followed by a paper on "The True Exemplification of Patriotism."

Mrs. Henry A. Powell of Brooklyn urged in an able paper that the public schools could be made more efficient if all political influence could be eliminated from the control thereof.

A resolution was offered that all members of the Federation use their influence against the evil of expectoration in public places. Carried.

A committee consisting of Miss Anna Maxwell Jones and Mrs. Charles H. Terry, in the name of the clubs of the New York State Federation, presented an immense silver loving cup of beautiful design to the president, Mrs. Helmuth. Miss Jones' witty presentation address was replied to in a few graceful and touching words. The assembly then gave the Chautauqua salute to the president and adjourned.

The first topic of the afternoon was "Child Study and the Home," of which Mrs. E. H. Merrell was chairman.

Dr. Elizabeth Jarrett, Dr. Ellen M. McChell, Mrs. Mary Grinnell Mears, of the Mothers' Club of Albany, and Mrs. Charles E. Fitch, president of the Syracuse Working Women's Club, who spoke "as a grandmother," all gave earnest and helpful ideas on this subject.

Miss Margaret Windeyer of Australia gave an interesting account of woman's work in New South Wales, stating that what New York women wanted to do had there already been done.

The report of the Industrial School committee was made by Mrs. Clarence Burns, who then resigned her chairmanship, giving as her reason want of hearty support and co-operation.

It should have been earlier said, that in the matter of nominations for office, the most admirable club-womanly unselfishness was apparent, many resigning to allow "rotation" in office and many to admit of the widest possible representation from all parts of the state.

Legal papers and speakers filled out the day, with such subjects as "Wills," "Title" and "Co-operation Law," by lawyers, who gave their subjects the necessary authority.

Discussions on "The Preservation of Birds," "Preservation of the Palisades" and "Preservation of Pine Forests" filled the day.

At 5.30 o'clock the Governor and Mrs. Roosevelt received the delegates, and in the evening the officers of the State Federation entertained the members at the Ten Eyck.

The last day of the Federation opened with discussion of the question of the resignation of Mrs. Burns and her reasons. Mrs. Helmuth begged any opponent of the proposed Industrial School to have the courage to state her reasons.

It was then shown that indifference and even opposition arose from a lack of understanding as to results and methods.

Under the chairman, Mrs. W. H. Schjeffelin, the subject of civil service reform was thoroughly discussed, and continued and concerted action urged.

Other topics discussed were "The Consumers' League," by Mrs. Frederick Nathan, chairman, and "Unusual Occupations for Women," by Miss Anna Maxwell Jones, chairman. The intense seriousness of the earlier topics was relieved by the discussion of unusual occupations, Miss Jones and Mrs. Philip Carpenter causing frequent and hearty laughter by their amusing contributions, while Mrs. Mary Harrison McKee had a fund of quiet humor. Some of the occupations brought out were horse dealing, political speaking, darning stockings for bachelors, designing cotillon favors, superintending removals, landscape gardening and softshell crabbing.

The papers of the afternoon were on household economics, by Mrs. William Shailer, chairman; Mrs. Melvile Dewey of Albany, Mrs. S. B. Morse of Ithaca, and Mrs. Laing of Westchester County.

The result of the balloting was the election of the following officers: President, Mrs. Cornelius Zabriskie of Brooklyn; first vice-president, Mrs. Dow; second vice-president, Mrs. Watson; recording secretary, Mrs. Arthur Ford of Oneonta; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Van Loon Lynch; General Federation secretary, Anna M. Jones of Saratoga; treasurer, Mrs. Eastwood; executive board, Mrs. E. A., Goodrich of Flushing. Mrs. Seward of Auburn, Mrs. Hastings of New York, Mrs. W. J. Humphreys of Warsaw and Mrs. Campbell of Binghamton.

At the conclusion of the formal business Mrs. Helmuth made a charming address of farewell and Mrs. Zabriskie took up the reins of government in a speech full of feeling, her reference to Mrs. Helmuth being interrupted by an uncontrollable outburst of applause. Mrs. Helmuth then introduced the new officers to the Federation and after the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" the sixth annual meeting ended with prayer by the Rev. Phoebe A. Hanaford.

OHIO.

The sixth annual convention of the O. F. W. C. is a thing of the past and a successful one. Marietta, celebrated as the oldest town in the state, opened her hospitable doors during three days of this gorgeous, glowing autumn weather and did all she could for the social, moral and intellectual stimulus of Ohio women. The convention was a success: first of all because the program was interesting, and this was due to the judgment, skill and unwearied labor of the chairman, Mrs. Alexander Hill; second, because so much was done by the Marietta women to make the convention wheels run smooth. Say what you will, nothing will uphold club life or convention occasions against dull speakers and essayists. They should be barred out at whatever cost of individual suffering. The Cincinnati Commercial Tribune says of it: "The subjects were of timely, fundamental interest, and limited to the realm of practicability, or at least, possibility. It was by far the best program yet offered in the state, and would bear comparison with those offered anywhere."

The sessions were held in the old Congregational church, the oldest state edifice in use in the five states of the Northwest Territory. The assembled audience in this historic building showed the best names of Ohio and worthy bearers of them. The report of Mrs. Tucker, the corresponding secretary, shows that Ohio leads the states in club organization, enrolling 257 clubs with an approximate membership of 9000 women. Twenty-eight new clubs were received into the Federation.

We have not space to mention many of the subjects of discussion. Of the purely literary (in danger now of partial extinction in favor of the altruistic) there were Mrs. Haskell's (Cincinnati) paper on "Gottfried Keller" and Mrs. Piatt's poem, "The Coming of Eve." The retiring president, Mrs. William P. Orr, made a stirring and vigorous address. Mrs. Florence Kelley of New York, corresponding secretary National Consumers' league, came on to Ohio to speak on reform legislation; Miss Landon of Columbus gave a most thoughtful and interesting paper on "The Press; Club Workers and New Writers; Their Reciprocal Influence." There were many in-

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interesting exhibits in connection with the convention. Mrs. Richards of Hillsboro, chairman of the educational committee, showed work from a public sewing school started by the federated clubs of Piqua. The school was only started in June and now numbers thirty-five, with frequent additions. There were also exhibits of home made rugs and the ever-growing subject of art in the public schools was brought out in connection with exhibits of photographs and reports of what has been done by individual clubs throughout the state towards this end. There was a discussion on "Discussion," which emphasized the fact that the prepared paper should best serve its purpose by being merely the peg to hang the discussion upon; that the clearest thinking and most forceful expression will come extemporaneously if there be something to start it well. Such extemporaneousness is the tune of club life.

Of course there was a reception, where everybody was beautiful and agreeable and well dressed. To stand once through a club reception is to stand through twenty, except that sometimes in a corner with a glass of sherbet one meets one's affinity in the particular interest of the winter and a friendship is formed or a plan concocted that outlasts the frothy social past and makes it all worth while. I am endeavoring to get past the outside babble of all this club excitement and report facts that tell something. Here is one of them.

With a view to determining what impression had been left upon the minds of those who heard the various papers and discussions at the sixth annual convention of the Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs, just closed at Marietta, a straw vote was taken on the sleepers which arrived at Cincinnati Saturday morning by the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern. Of the thirty-nine votes cast for the three most interesting papers the following led the list in the order named, viz.: "What Has Been Accomplished by a Working Girl's Club?" Miss Grace M. Lockyer, National Cash Register company, Dayton, O.; "Gottfried Keller," Mrs. Henry Saunders Haskell, Cincinnati Woman's Club; "Current Events—China," Miss Ada H. Riley, the Tourist Club, Price Hill, Cincinnati; "A Plea for the Study of Local History," Mrs. George B. Parkinson, the History Club, Walnut Hills, Cincinnati; "The Press—Club Workers and News Writers."

The milk in which cocoanut is this. The paper conceded to be the most interesting paper of the convention was written by a factory girl, Miss Lockyer of Dayton. After all that can be said against the club movement is over and the newspapers, from the New York Sun down, have had their fling at it, this one item will be its best justification, for it proves that the club not only brings out the women that are out already, but the women that otherwise never would be out; it liberates the prisoners of circumstance into the freedom of opportunity; it measures mind with mind and wit with wit (not clothes with clothes); in short, the club really is what its projectors fondly hoped to make it, a democracy of purpose. This gives it its best reason of being.

The result of the election was as follows: Mrs. J. R. Hopley, Columbus, president; Mrs. Tasker Bosworth, Marietta, vice president; Mrs. Frank Kraft, Columbus, corresponding secretary; Mrs. J. M. Mulford, Cleveland, recording secretary; Mrs. A. F. Brumhall, Troy, treasurer; Miss Ella Haas, Dayton, auditor. Mrs. Hopley was elected by nomination from the floor.

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3.10—"Working Suggestions," discussion following each topic; (a) "Simplification of Programs"; (b) "Value of Discussion Following Papers"; (c) "The Small Club, a Stimulus to Exertion and the Growth of the Individual"; (d) "The Legitimate Use of Addresses by Public Lecturers and Other Non-Members of Clubs," Mrs. John A. Ewalt, Columbus; discussion, Mrs. Mary Boyd Yeoman, Hillsboro, the Friday Club, the Monday Club, Springfield; (e) "Value of a Knowledge of Parliamentary Law to the Club Members," Mrs. Horace A. Reeves, Sorosis Club, Delphos; discussion, Mrs. P. D. Cottle, Julia Ward Howe Club, Cincinnati; (f) "Federation of Clubs by Counties and Cities," Mrs. J. B. Cline, New Palestine; Mrs. Gregg, Batavia; (g) "A plea to the Club Woman of Ohio to Commemorate the Centennial of the State," Mrs. H. M. Barlow, Toledo.

5.00—Adjournment.

Wednesday Evening—Reception 8 to 12, Elks' club house, Mrs. S. S. Porter, Chairman Centennial Association.

Thursday morning, 9 o'clock, Mrs. Orr, Chairman.

9.00—Invocation, Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson, Marietta; music; reading of minutes of previous day.

9.20—Address of welcome, Mrs. Maria P. Woodbridge, Centennial Association; response, Mrs. James R. Hopley, Columbus, vice-president of the Federation; address of president; the General Federation; the State Federation.

9.50—Music.

10.00—Reports of officers, recording secretary, Miss Alice Laws, Cincinnati; corresponding secretary, Mrs. John Tucker,

Newark; treasurer, Mrs. Cornelius S. Selover, Cleveland; auditor, Mrs. A. Theodore Kline, Toledo. Reports of standing committees by chairmen: "Club Extension," Mrs. William Frew, Coshocton; report made by Miss Nellie Babbitts, Cincinnati; "Library Extension," Mrs. John Mack, Sandusky; "Program and Reciprocity," Mrs. Nancy H. Morrow Canton.

10.50—Music.

11.00—"Education," Mrs. Joseph R. Richards, Hillsboro;

(a) "Art in Public Schools," Miss Carrie O. Shoemaker, Columbus; "Discussion," Mrs. W. C. Parsons, Akron; "Art and History Class," (b) "Art in the Home," Mrs. Mary McC. Tuttle, Hillsboro; (c) address, "The Common Interests of Federated Clubs and the Collegiate Alumnae Association," Professor Emma M. Perkins, Cleveland, Western Reserve University.

12.10—Nominations from the floor for committee of nominations; election.

12.30—Adjournment.

Thursday Afternoon, 2.00—Excursion to Blennerhassett Island; sketch, "The Blennerhassetts," given on the island at the old well, Mrs. E. Phillips, Improvement Association.

Thursday Evening, 8 p. m.—The Auditorium: Concert and lecture.

8.00—Concert, Marietta Orchestra; soloists, soprano, Catherine Cordner Heath, Columbus; contralto, Emma Louise White, Cincinnati; violinist, Mrs. John A. Broekhoven, Cincinnati; pianist, Miss Lillian Tyler, Cincinnati.

9.50—Lecture, "Paris and the Exposition"; stereopticon views, Miss Anna Caulfield, Grand Rapids, Mich.

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9.00—Invocation, Mrs. William E. Roe, Marietta; music; reading of minutes of previous day.

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9.50—History: (a) "A Plea for the Study of Local History," Mrs. George B. Parkinson, Cincinnati History Club, Walnut Hills; (b), "The Heritage of Ohio," Miss Muriel G. Dyar, Centennial Association. Current Events: (a) "What Has Been Accomplished by a Working Girls' Club," Miss Grace M. Lockyer, Dayton Century Club, National Cash Register Company; (b) "China," Miss Ada H. Riley, Cincinnati, The Tourist.

10.50—Music; "Domestic Science"; report of chairman, Mrs. Joseph Green, Cincinnati; (a) "Domestic Science as Taught in Our Universities," Miss Perla Bowman, Columbus; (b) "Experimental Station Work and Dietaries Founded Upon Quantative Analysis," Miss Merriman, M. D., Bucyrus; (c) "The Power and Duty of Purchasers," Mrs. Florence Kelley, New York City Consumers' League; (d) "Practical Benefits of Domestic Science," Miss Mathilda Campbell, Toledo, Toledo Polytechnic school; discussion, Mrs. Charles Turner, Marietta.

12.30—Adjournment.

Friday Afternoon, 2 o'clock—Mrs. Orr, Chairman.

2.00—Music; report of nominating committee; nominations from the floor for president, vice-president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer and auditor; election.

3.00—Music.

3.10—"The Press," Miss Rowena Landon, Columbus; literature, a poem, "The Coming of Eve and What Became of It," Sarah Platt, Cincinnati, honorary member Woman's Club; "Gottfried Kellar," Mrs. Henry Saunders Haskell, Cincinnati Woman's Club.

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WISCONSIN.

As placidly as if election were an outside consideration, the Wisconsin Federation of Women's Clubs opened its sixth annual convention Wednesday morning, November 7, and began the proceedings of a largely attended and inspiring conference. The convention was marked by the presence of four women of note from outside the state, and to them is due much of the success of the convention. They were Miss Helen Winslow of Boston, Mrs. Jane Addams of Hull house, Mrs. Elia W. Peattie of Chicago and Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Stetson.

There were present 165 delegates and many visitors. The convention was held in the Episcopal Guild Hall, which had been beautified by rugs and palms and plants, and delegates were the guests of the Racine Woman's Club, whose members were charming hostesses.

Mrs. Arthur Courtenay Neville was in the chair, and she was greeted with enthusiasm at the end of her second year of office as president of the Federation and head of a most successful administration. Mrs. W. H. Crosby of Racine gave the

graceful greeting and Mrs. F. C. Winkley, vice-president of the Federation, made an appreciative response.

The principal place on the morning program was occupied by the president's annual address. It was an inspiring one, and what was better, a practical one. She made some excellent suggestions and these had to do with overcrowding programs. She emphasized the importance of selection in preparing club programs, and of adaptability also.

Mixed Clubs—These, which Mrs. Neville has always strongly favored, she said she found growing in popularity and she hoped that in another year or two definite action might be taken in a Federation convention concerning the admission of men and women's clubs.

Capital and Labor—Mrs. Neville touched upon the importance of careful study of the questions coming every year closer to woman's welfare and interest, and involving an understanding of the relations of capital and labor.

Consumers' League—The progress made in the state and in Milwaukee in the work of the Consumers' League was reviewed briefly, and its importance especially urged upon the club woman, who can do so much to bring about right results.

Manual Training—The hearty plea made for the introduction of manual training for women met with enthusiastic applause, and the ground covered by those who are pushing it in the state was considered.

Mrs. Neville made the law class, recently started for women by the Y. W. C. A. in Milwaukee, occasion for special congratulation, and she said the necessity for the class, not to make women lawyers but to make them intelligent stenographers to lawyers, pointed to a specialization which is significant and inspiring.

Without trespassing on the consideration of the message of the fifth biennial, Mrs. Neville called special attention to the meaning of the arts and crafts' exhibit made there, and how it showed a breadth in the scope of women's work which even a year ago could not have been chronicled.

Mrs. Neville paid a warm tribute to Mrs. Winkler, the vice-president, and to all the other officers, who have helped to make her administration a successful and memorable one.

Reports from Mrs. Henry Youman, recording secretary; Mrs. Thomas Bardon, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Robert Scott, treasurer, and Mrs. E. P. Sawyer, auditor, next read.

Mrs. Bardon's report had one important sentence which really sums up the standing of the clubs in the State Federation now. This was:

"It is hard to find a club belonging to the Federation that is working for self improvement."

She said there may be some clubs in the state, but as soon as they join the Federation they catch the spirit of enthusiasm and altruism which pervades it, and they begin to look about for some good work to do for others. The clubs of the state, she said, have passed the formation period, so often narrowed by exclusiveness. At the close of the last year 115 clubs were reported, with a membership of 4200. Since then one club has withdrawn and nineteen have joined the Federation, making 133 clubs, with an approximate membership of 5268. According to the report the new clubs to enter the Federation this year were:

The Monday Club, Chippewa Falls; Woman's Club, Beaver Dam; Woman's Club Lancaster; Twentieth Century, Rib Lake; Chautauqua Club, Menasha; Molly Stark Chapter, D. R., Markesan; Wednesday Club, Oshkosh; Twentieth Century Topic Club, Wauwatosa; Woman's Club, Oconomowoc; Searchlight Club, Oshkosh; City Federation, Richland Center; History Club, Osceola; Woman's Literary Club, Dodgeville;

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The afternoon program included some excellent papers, as follows: Report of Committee on Education, Mrs. H. W. Chynoweth; "The Penny Provident Fund," Mrs. George A. Barry; "Manual Training," Mrs. David Law, La Crosse; "Domestic Science," Mrs. Jennie Jamison, Neenah; "Vacation Schools," Miss Alice Chapman, Milwaukee; "The School Luncheon," Mrs. J. L. Ford, Janesville; "Educational Advantages in Wisconsin," Miss Margaret Whitford; "What Wisconsin Women Do for Wisconsin Schools," Mrs. Charles Gorst, Baraboo; Mrs. T. D. Corcoran, Beloit; Mrs. James L. Foley, Wauwatosa.

In the evening there was some excellent music and a lecture, "Our Brains and What Ails Them," Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Stetson. A charming feature of the evening's entertainment was a group of recitations with musical accompaniment by Mrs. Harriet Colburn Sanderson of Ripon.

The next morning a question of woman's suffrage came up without warning and the result is that the convention appointed a committee to consider a resolution petitioning the legislature for suffrage for women in school elections. The Consumers' League committee report was presented by Mrs. Florence Buckstaff of Oshkosh. The regular program was prefaced by the remaining district reports given by Mrs. George A. Barry for the Seventh district, Mrs. J. A. Versen for the Eighth district, Mrs. C. Werden Deane for the Ninth district and Mrs. J. W. Burhans for the Tenth district.

The remainder of the morning was occupied by reports of the standing committees.

The first standing committee to report was the library committee, and Mrs. Charles S. Morris, its chairman, and Miss L. E. Stearns, together made the convention see that money has got to be forthcoming if the library work in the state is to go on. Miss Stearns asked for \$100 to be expended in a travelling reference library, and Mrs. Morris showed the enormous scope of the results of what money has already been given. She said that twenty-five organizations in the state are responsible for travelling library systems.

Mrs. Charles F. Latimer of Superior, chairman of the reciprocity bureau, had a concise and encouraging report, which showed a patronage of eighty-seven, far exceeding that of any previous year. She outlined the policy of the bureau, which is to keep on file 127 papers written by club women of Wisconsin on a wide variety of subjects, which are sent out to be read before clubs as desired. She announced the remarkable fact that the bureau, through its sale of hand books, is practically self-supporting.

In the report of the town improvement committee perhaps the greatest interest centered, and Mrs. W. H. Flett, its chairman, not being present, her report was submitted by Mrs. T. H. Bardon of Ashland. She gave a series of reports collected from each district, and all of these showed a general turning of attention to the beautifying of towns and village streets.

The new committee on the labor question, appointed at Eau Claire last year, was reported by its chairman, Mrs. C. Werden Deane of Antigo. Mrs. Deane had a number of suggestions to make for the co-operation of the club women with the bureau, suggested to her by the commissioner of labor.

The committee recommended:

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Second, that committees be formed in each club whose duty shall be to investigate the condition of the employed in this locality and report all violations of the laws regulating employment to the bureau of labor.

Third, that the clubs use their influence to have another factory inspector appointed by the legislature during the incoming session, the same to be a woman factory inspector.

The report of the art interchange committee was given by Mrs. A. E. Tanberg of Janesville. She said that since the report was given a year ago, the art committee has placed in circulation three travelling collections of pictures. The federated clubs and individuals have donated \$28.50 toward the purchase. These pictures have been used by thirty-two clubs in the last year and a half. A study course for clubs entitled Modern French Artists has been published.

The program was closed by Mrs. Martin Sherman of Milwaukee with a delightful paper, which she called "A Fragment of the Whole" and which was a plea for the right environment for homes and club rooms, because this is recognized as such a powerful factor in the development of character.

The principal paper on the afternoon program was presented by Miss Winslow, editor of The Club Woman, who spoke on "What the Club Should Mean." This was one of a series of addresses on the general subject, "Club and Federation Interests." Preceding Miss Winslow in this group of the relations of the ideal Federation to the large club, in which she showed what a pillar to the Federation a department club may be, and how the ideal Federation will provide for all the sectional interests of a club of divergent work. Mrs. George H. Phelps of Markesan showed how the Federation can be the making of the small club, which is entirely dependent upon it.

Mmes. George W. Peckham of Milwaukee, Thomas Bardon of Ashland and others made practical suggestions for its future, the keynote of which suggestions was a plea for unselfish work for those outside the clubs. Mrs. M. S. Frawley of Eau Claire and Mrs. Henry M. Youmans considered phases of development of the club, looking back to the self-help clubs first organized, and forward to the wholly altruistic club of the future.

In the evening a delightful reception was tendered by the Woman's Club of Racine to delegates and visiting club women.

Friday morning came the annual election, which was quite spirited owing to the fact that there were two excellent candidates in the field for the presidency,—Mrs. Youmans and Mrs. H. R. Vedder of Milwaukee. The result was: President, Mrs. Theodora W. Youmans of Waukesha; vice-president, Mrs. Mary E. Sawyer of Oshkosh; recording secretary, Mrs. Alice L. Brown of Milwaukee; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Harriet Whyte of LaCrosse.

The business session ran over into the afternoon meeting and the program in consequence was somewhat hurried.

The general subject for the afternoon was "Current Literature on the Position of Women."

The speakers were Mrs. Grace Darling Madden, Milwaukee; Mrs. Webster E. Brown, Rhinelander; Mrs. J. T. Hooper, Ashland; Mrs. Vincent S. Stone, Racine; Mrs. L. E. Stearns, Mrs. M. W. Hopper and Miss Winslow.

The convention closed Friday evening with two delightful lectures, "The Trend of American Social Life," Mrs. Elia W. Peattie, Chicago, and "Women's Clubs and Industrial Problems" by Miss Jane Addams, Chicago.

MEETING OF THE DAUGHTERS OF 1776-1812.

The Louisiana Society, U. S. D., 1812, met November 5th at the residence of Mrs. John B. Richardson, who presided, and the reports of all the officers showed the continued progress and good work of the association.

Mrs. Chase, treasurer, reported that the disbursements of the society during the past month amounted to \$36.75. This money was expended in repairs on the Chalmette grounds, and a donation of \$5 was made to the Galveston sufferers.

The association has now a balance in bank of \$350.46.

An interesting report was received from the committee in charge of the Chalmette grounds. The lane, which was in a terrible condition, has been nicely fixed, the grass cut and the entire section put into a good condition. Mrs. Felicite Gayoso Tennant is the chairman of this committee.

Mrs. Richardson read a letter from Mrs. Slade, president of the National Association, whose headquarters are in New York. Mrs. Slade expressed her great pleasure at the charming visit she had had from Miss Helen Pitkin, a prominent member of the New Orleans chapter, the delightful accounts that she had given of the work in New Orleans, and especially the work in progress on the Chalmette monument.

Mrs. Richardson brought up the subject of applying to Congress for an appropriation wherewith to complete the monument at Chalmette. It has long been held that the completion of this monument should be a national affair, as the victory of Jackson and his men was a national one and redounded to the glory of American arms. Hon. Clem Story had suggested that the association memorialize Congress in this matter, petitioning for the sum of \$25,000. Mrs. Richardson said that she had received two visits from Mr. Story in connection with this subject. He was much interested, and hoped that our Louisiana representatives in Congress would secure the passage of the bill. He recommended that the memorial be accompanied by a set of resolutions from the association, and that these be sent

to Washington and placed in the proper hands for presentation to Congress.

Mrs. Richardson appointed the following committee to draft the resolutions: Mrs. Dora R. Miller, Mrs. L. M. Harper, Miss Maggie McMillan.

It was resolved that the committee confer with Mr. Wm. O. Hart of the advisory board of the association, in regard to the proper form which the memorial and resolutions should assume.

At this point Miss Pitkin entered the room, and was cordially invited by the president to give an account of the visit that she had paid to Mrs. Slade in New York, this organization that she had paid to Mrs. Slade in New York,

Miss Pitkin graciously complied, and a pleasant half hour was consumed in hearing her tell of the workings of the national body,

VERMONT.

The October meeting of the Vermont Federation of Women's Clubs was held in Rutland on Wednesday and Thursday, October 17 and 18. There were a large number of delegates present. Greetings were read from several State Presidents; also a congratulatory telegram from Mrs. Lowe. Vermont's noted authoress, Mrs. Julia C. R. Dorr, sent a letter expressing her regret at not being able to attend the meetings and extended her heartfelt greetings. Mrs. Dorr is not a member of the Federation, but is much interested in the work. Mrs. J. B. Needham, President of the Federation, presided at the opening session. Mrs. J. C. Baker of Rutland gave the address of welcome to the visiting club women, and Miss Harriet S. Welling of Bennington responded. Then followed the President's annual address by Mrs. Needham, who reviewed the year's work and spoke in particular in regard to the Library Committee, which entered upon its work with zeal and enthusiasm, and with the aid of the clubs several traveling libraries are traversing the State, carrying their silent but potent message of love and enlightenment. Who can estimate the benefits to our State of even this beginning, and when it is many times multiplied, as it surely will be, this work alone proves the usefulness of the Vermont Federation. Mrs. Needham said in closing: "Let us give to our Federation a more perfect loyalty and consecration, spread the gospel of sisterhood and live it until every club is a link in the chain that binds together the women of Vermont."

Mason S. Stone, State Superintendent of Schools, spoke on "What Can Women Do for the Public Schools?" Miss Dortha Stone Pinneo of Norwich, Conn., gave a very interesting address. She took for her text a rhyme from the old New England Primer, "My Book and Heart Must Never Part." She spoke particularly of the value of books and libraries for educational and moral purposes. The social event of the convention was the reception at the home of Mrs. C. W. Ward, Cottage Street. The decorations of the home were beautiful. Japanese fern baskets hung from the chandeliers and the rooms were elaborately decorated with a profusion of cut flowers; also potted ferns and palms.

These annual meetings of the Federation are a great stimulus to the club women in their educational work. The following officers of the Federation were elected yesterday:

Mrs. E. B. Whittaker, President, of Barre, Vt.
Vice President, Miss J. A. Valentine of Bennington Vt.
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Resolved, That all of the clubs here represented acknowledge the debt which they owe to the retiring President for her indefatigable labors in their behalf, and for the devotion of her fine abilities to the interests of the federated clubs.

RHODE ISLAND.

Mrs. Sarah Miller Corey, who has been president of Coventry Women's Club the past two years and recently passed by limit of the constitution, was re-elected as state secretary--the presiding officer--of the International Order of the King's Daughters and Sons in Rhode Island, on Oct. 30, 1900. Miss Corey is also one of the vice-presidents of the Rhode Island State Federation of Women's Clubs, and has an active part in the club work of the state.

Mrs. Susan Ballou, president of the Rhode Island State Federation of Women's Clubs, also president of the Woonsocket Fortnightly, was "at home" to members of the Fortnightly, and a few invited guests at her spacious residence on Friday, Nov. 2, from 4 o'clock to 6 o'clock p. m. The occasion proved the most delightful of all social functions enjoyed this year. There was music, refreshments and social cheer and every one was delighted with the lavish hospitality of the popular hostess.

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THE man with the "Uoe" has brought forcibly to the ordinary reader the artist, Jean Francois Millet, and made the average woman realize that in this modern painter we have an artist who ranks with the best that have ever lived. Millet has been added to the Riverside Art Series, to follow Raphael, Rembrandt and Michaelangelo, which have been noticed here already—all these books are recommended by the art committee of the G. F. W. C. as textbooks and handy books of reference, and all have come into considerable favor in art classes. The average woman knows but little of art criticism, but if she were to study these little handbooks, she would be able to judge intelligently of the average picture and know a good deal about the old masters and their work. This volume, like the others, gives a short account of life and an intelligent resume of his work with reproductions and explanations of his most famous pictures. (Boston, Houghton, Mifflin & Co.).

Those who have read Mr. Rowland Robinson's book on "Danvis Folks" and are familiar with his pictures of Vermont life as it was fifty or more years ago, will be glad to welcome his latest volume, "A Danvis Pioneer." This is a tale of the New Hampshire grants, as Vermont was called more than a hundred years ago,—and Colonel Ethan Allen himself figures in it—as do the Green Mountain Boys. But besides, and better than being an unusually entertaining story in itself, the book has a certain literary quality and a style that places it among the best books that have been written for many a month. The author has a keen sense of humor as well as a lively imagination and he has the Vermont character as perfect as he has the Vermont dialect. Read "A Danvis Pioneer" by all means. (Boston, Houghton, Mifflin & Co.)

We have often called attention to Appleton's Town and Country Library, and recommended it to our readers. Among recent additions are "The Lunatic at Large," a novel of English life by J. Storer Clouston; and "Garthowen," a charming story of Welsh life by Allen Paine, who wrote "By Berwen Banks" and "Mifanwy." Mr. Paine seems to have caught and portrayed the simplicity and quaintness of Welsh life and opened up a new field for the novelist. "Garthowen" is a first-class story, charmingly told. The latest volume in the series is "A Private Chivalry," by Francis Lynde, and is an interesting story of the West. (D. Appleton & Company, New York).

"The Last Lady of Mulberry" is one of the most original of modern novels, perhaps because the author, Mr. Henry Wil-

son Thomas, has chosen a new field—the Italian quarter of New York. It may seem that characters chosen from those precincts would not interest the average reader, but they are drawn with such strong delineation, the motif is so dramatic and the scenes so striking that it is impossible to read the book with anything less than thorough sympathy and appreciation. The author knows his subject and, having a vein of humor, presents it in an altogether delightful way. (New York, D. Appleton & Co.)

Have you read "The Touchstone"? If not, remember that it is one of the books to be taken into the home library or to the club this winter; it is distinctly one of the books which must not be missed. It is fine of texture, perfect in its unity and dramatic sequence, and as remarkable for its grasp and its insight into human character as for its easy mastery of language. The literary workmanship is perfect, and there is a subtlety of expression, felicity of phrase and a sureness of touch that make the book a constant delight. The author, Edith Wharton, has won a high place among American novelists and her latest book is to be commended everywhere. (New York, Charles Scribner's Sons).

"The Meloon Farm" is one of the best stories ever written by Maria Louise Pool, although it is published posthumously. The heroine, who has been trained in Europe for the operatic stage, loses her voice just at the threshold of a promising career. She returns to America and goes with her mother to the "Meloon Farm." What happens to her there, how she recovers her voice, goes away, marries, has her operatic triumphs and finally comes back to the "Meloon Farm" and its master are told with all the charm of Miss Pool's best art. The book makes one regret more than ever that the author will give us no more of her charming stories. (Harper Brothers, New York).

"A Cumberland Vendetta," by John Fox, Jr., has recently appeared in a new and attractive edition, finely illustrated by Louis Loe. This story of the Cumberland Mountains, of the strong native characters, and of an old-time Kentucky feud, is told with that graphic originality for which Mr. Fox is famous. The characters of old "Gabe Bunch" and Rufe Stetson are sketched like portraits and the young men and women stand out clear and distinct with a personality that leads one to forgive the dialect and the lack of grammar and the beautiful ending well repays the reading of the entire book. As a study of local Cumberland life, the book is worth owning. (Harper Brothers, New York).

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Professor Brander Mathews has a name in letters which stands for so much that when his books appear the critic lays aside his pencil ready to enjoy a perfectly finished piece of work. His latest is "The Action and the Word," a society novel of New York, and as might be expected, the peculiar flavor of that sort of life is well preserved through the interesting story and one more than half suspects she is reading of real characters. The heroine, a young, married woman, has become infatuated with the stage and her experiences with New York society and her husband and family make up a plot that has some degree of novelty as well as interest. It is a charming story. (Harper Brothers, New York City).

"A Bedouin Wedding Festival" may not be witnessed in reality by all, but the reading of this entertaining little sketch, in Finley Acker's "Pen Sketches," carries the reader to the Pyramids and thrusts him, for the time being, into the motley crowds of Arabs who within a stone's throw of the Sphinx are celebrating this joyous feast. The companion sketches in this bright little booklet are "The Streets of Cairo," "The Sphinx and the Pyramids," "Modern Jerusalem," "A Venetian Serenade," "The Colosseum Illuminated," "Pompeii and Vesuvius," and "The Bazaars of Damascus." Illustrated with over one hundred pen drawings. (Finley Acker, Philadelphia).

"Indian Club Swinging,—One, Two and Three Club Juggling," by Frank E. Muller, physical director of the Y. M. C. A., Dallas, Texas, who has for years held the championship in this particular branch of athletics, is a recent book. Mr. Miller has undoubtedly treated the subject in a most thorough and clever manner, so that the uninitiated in club swinging may easily take up the work as outlined in his book and become experts. The book is handsomely bound and illustrated. (Saalsfeld Publishing Co., Akron, Ohio).

A book to be commended to women's clubs everywhere is "Po' White Trash," being a collection of one act plays by Evelyn Greenleaf Sutherland. The editor of this journal has been asked scores of times for interesting one-act plays that could be used in clubs. In "Po' White Trash" we have nine short plays, most of which are suited to the average club. Of these "Rohan, the Silent" was written for the late Alexander Salvini, and was brought out by him at the Tremont Theatre, Boston, May 28, 1896. "At the Barricade" was originally produced at the Hollis Street Theatre, Boston, April 28, 1898, and "Po' White Trash" saw its first performance at a special matinee at the Bijou Theatre, Boston, March 28, 1897. "A Comedy Royall," produced first in this city, was afterwards played with success at the Lyceum in New York. "In Far Bohemia," which has a tang of Maddison Morton, was written in collaboration with Mrs. Emma Sheridan Fry, and in "A Song at the Castle" the author had the assistance of Percy Wallace Mackaye. All these pieces, without exception, were successes. They are fully protected by copyright from dramatic performance, save with the sanction of the publishers, which is obtainable by application to them or their agents, and by the payment of a moderate royalty. Selections from the plays, of course, may be used at will by public readers, without royalty. (Herbert S. Stone & Co., Chicago).

Mr. Howells' farces are good at any time, and might, by the way, be recommended to the woman's club that wants to act something and doesn't know what. "The Smoking Car" has just been issued by Houghton, Mifflin & Co., and with it comes "An Indian Giver," which was first published in 1896. Both these are permeated with that subtle quality of Mr. Howells' fancy which is well styled humor, and both make very pleasant reading for an hour. In paper, press work and binding these two are exceptionally handsome. (Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston).

"The Black Gown," by Ruth Hall, has an unattractive title but the story more than makes up for it. The historical setting now so much in vogue has been chosen here and the tale gives us a charming idea of life in Albany in those early days when the Dutch were owners of the region up and down the Hudson river. The story is less simple than its setting; indeed it has quite a complicated plot, but everything works around well towards the end and the people mostly marry whom they ought. There are some exciting chapters and the book is a distinct advance on this author's previous work. (Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston).

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"O-gi-maw-kwe Mit-i-gwa-ki, or The Queen of the Woods," is a narrative of Indian love by the old Pottawottamie chief, Pokagon, and is full of the fragrance and beauty of forest life. After the old chief was gathered to his fathers, the book was published. It is a romantic story of courtship, marriage, etc., in connection with which is ingeniously interwoven most charming descriptions of the lakes, rivers, woods and plains, birds and wild animals, together with the primitive costumes of wild men of the forests in the early days of which it treats. With unspeakable pathos Pokagon reveals the people of his race, gentle, generous, just, confiding, and loyal, until deceived and robbed by the white man, driven from their homes, and poisoned by the white man's rum. The old chief's story is a revelation to those who think the only good Indian is a dead one. His great charity, his dignity in misfortune, his heroic effort to forgive his persecutors and to love them, are touching beyond words, and reveal the soul that is truly great, above and beyond all externals. The book also contains a paper on the Algonquin language, written by Pokagon, addresses delivered by him, poems written in his honor, a brief sketch of his life by his publisher, and other interesting material relating to Pokagon and his people. A collection of fine quill embroideries on birch bark was given a prominent place at the Milwaukee Biennial last June, and Pokagon's grand-daughter No Winona, was invited to be present on American night in costume, and receive with other honored guests.

"The Master Christian," the latest of Marie Corelli's novels, is creating a good deal of talk, many considering it the best thing she was doing; others deeming it tedious and rather blasphemous in spots. Certainly it is the longest and most important work that she has attempted and in conception of plot and general finish far outshines her other productions. The plot is intricate and the characters numerous, but the story unfolds clearly, quickly and with intense interest. The hero of the tale, Cardinal-Archbishop Felix Bonpre, remains a nominal Roman Catholic until he is threatened with an excommunication. The author has heretofore given excellent character portrayals, but in this book she has chosen some deep, strategic characters, and they stand out with as much brilliancy as have her earlier simpler sketches. It is a book that cannot be ignored and should certainly be read, not only because everyone else is reading and talking about it, but because of the

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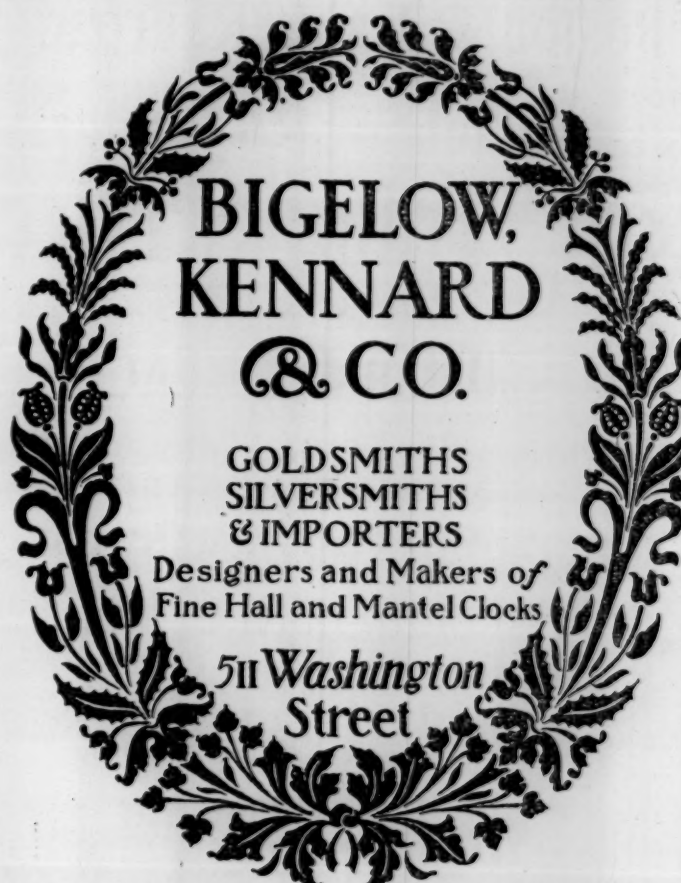
In "Dames and Daughters of Colonial Days," Miss Geraldine Brooks has given as fine a study of the exquisite days of our history as has the most erudite historian, while at the same time she has garnished it all with an atmosphere and a color that are delightful and dainty and as impossible for the aforesaid erudite historian to furnish as for a genre painter to dash off an impressionist picture. Miss Brooks has with rare judgment and fine appreciation of historic values selected nine typical dames whose story she embodies in the choicest prose. The fair and gracious dames deemed worthy of place in the book are: Anne Hutchinson of Massachusetts, Madame La Tour of Acadia, Margaret Brent of Maryland, Madam Sarah Knight of Massachusetts and Connecticut, Eliza Lucas of Carolina, Martha Washington of Virginia, Abigail Adams of Massachusetts, Betsey Schuyler of New York and Deborah Norris and Sally Wister of Pennsylvania. It is a delightful and entertaining study of colonial days and folk and is a strikingly strong contribution to the literature of our country. Apart from its value as an instructive work to the general reader it will be found to be especially helpful and suggestive in all classes in which colonial life and times are studied. The various orders of "Daughters" will give the book a prompt and hearty welcome. (New York, T. Y. Crowell & Co).

One of the handsomest gift books of the season is Helen M. Winslow's "Concerning Cats." It is a delight to the eye, and a pleasure to the mind. From the face of the beautiful Angora which looks out confidently on the world from the front cover, to the very last line of the appendix there is nothing dull, nothing disappointing. That Miss Winslow is a cat lover goes without saying after one has read her book. She chances also to be an authority on the nature, purpose and treatment of the cat, and in the present book she has managed to bring together for the information of her fellow-men and her sister-women a vast amount of instruction, most of which was badly needed. There are chapters on the author's own pet cats as well as those of noted people, historic cats, high-bred cats in England and America, the cats of poetry and art, cat hospitals and refuges, kittens and their tricks, characteristics of cats, and an appendix on the diseases of cats and their treatment. The book already has the warm indorsement of the Beresford Cat Club—the leading organization of that kind in America. The photographic reproductions of celebrated cats and the cats of celebrities add infinite beauty and interest to the book, and it is small wonder that the book has gone through several thousands already. It is a valuable book and a beautiful one, a handsomer book for Christmas giving could not be found. The story of "The Pretty Lady" in spirit and atmosphere brings to mind "Rab and His Friends," and it is not too much to say of this story that the lovers of the cat will one day rank it side by side with "Rab," and that Miss Winslow will share with Dr. Brown the glory of understanding the real nature of man's animal friends.

Sallie Joy White.

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